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## Gergen cites return of Ford troika

David Gergen, former special assistant to President Reagan, wrote on April 2 that the power of the White House is now centered in the troika of Secretary of State James Baker, Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney, and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, whose collaboration goes all the way back to the administration of Gerald Ford.

Cheney was White House chief of staff and Scowcroft was national security adviser during the period Henry Kissinger was secretary of state.

Scowcroft is the old man of the troika, having brought Cheney into the Aspen Institute national security study groups. "I saw him as a coming power in the Republican Party, and he was damn smart," Gergen quotes Scowcroft.

Cheney brought Baker in to be campaign manager for Ford. Cheney and Baker often go galavanting together in the north woods of Cheney's native Wyoming. Gergen claims that none of the troika is a "grand strategist in the Kissinger or Nixon mold."

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## Webster warns of Third World NBC weapons

CIA chief William Webster warned against the "increasing development of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons by countries of the Third World," in a speech made public by the CIA on March 30. The thrust of the speech seemed to bolster efforts to further deindustrialize the Third World.

The speech was the latest of several speeches during the last five months which the *Washington Post* called "one of the most public campaigns ever undertaken by a director of the CIA."

"Although missiles being developed by these countries are somewhat crude and inaccurate," Webster said, "many of them have capabilities well beyond the battlefield and can strike in a matter of minutes. Once fired they cannot be called back."

The West stopped exporting the technology needed to develop these weapons, but most of the material is "diverted from civilian use," Webster said, so it is the Third World's fault. Even worse, some Third World countries are "extensively sharing technology and they are increasingly pooling their resources and technical knowledge." The U.S. government has identified some of the targeted countries as Egypt, Argentina, and Iraq.

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## Iran-Contra scandal witnesses dying off

The full story of the Iran-Contra scandal may never be told, as central players in the affair keep dying off mysteriously or conveniently, according to a provocative article in the March 31 *Village Voice*, entitled, "Dead Men Tell No Tales—Iran-Contra's Seven Little Indians."

The article reports that the deceased seven are Amiram Nir, who could tell all about President Bush's role in the Iran side of the affair; former CIA director Bill Casey; Cyrus Hashemi, who sued *EIR* for exposing him and was protected by the FBI's number-two man, Oliver "Buck" Revell; Glenn Souham, President Reagan's European coordinator of the Board of Advisers on Private Sector Initiatives, who was gunned down in Paris after helping get East bloc weapons to the Contras; Barry Seal, a Contra mercenary and DEA informant who knew all about Contra drug-running operations; Steve Carr, another Contra mercenary who was found dead from a drug overdose after he started revealing what he knew of the affair; and "David," a Contra foot soldier with Carr who was an eyewitness to CIA drug trafficking from the Costa Rica ranch of John Hull, and who was allegedly tortured and murdered by Hull's henchmen.

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## Sexual diseases soar in Washington area

Cases of sexually transmitted diseases have "increased dramatically" in the greater

Washington, D.C. area since 1985, "prompting concern among public health officials who fear that heterosexuals—particularly teenagers—are ignoring education about AIDS prevention," according to the *Washington Post* April 6.

Incidents of syphilis in the District increased 90.7% between 1985 and 1988, from 719 to 1,371 cases, and penicillin-resistant gonorrhea jumped from 34 to 1,467 cases, according to the D.C. Commission of Public Health.

Northern Virginia health officials report penicillin-resistant gonorrhea increased from 20 to 332 cases, while Prince George's County, Maryland officials report syphilis cases increased from 49 in 1986 to 284 in 1988.

Dr. Lawrence D'Angelo, chairman of adolescent medicine at Children's Hospital of Washington, said, "It's not at all uncommon" to treat 13-year-old girls for syphilis, and said that "the biggest predictor for sexually transmitted disease seems to be drug use."

"One of the things everyone at first assumed was that a lot of sexually transmitted diseases were going to diminish because of the drop among gay men, but that's not happening," Wendy Wertheimer, deputy executive director of the American Social Health Association, commented. She said that one problem is that money formerly marked for the control of venereal diseases has been diverted to AIDS prevention.

The education campaign is not working. Carol Jordan, AIDS program manager for the Montgomery County, Maryland Health Department, said they find few people who don't know how diseases are transmitted or how to protect themselves. "The problem is that they're just not doing it."

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## Gates, Globe caution against 'New Yalta'

Robert Gates, the vice-chairman of the U.S. National Security Council, rejected Henry Kissinger's New Yalta formula on Eastern Europe, in remarks following an address to a strategy conference of the Center of European Policy Studies, the European branch of the Georgetown Center for Strategic and

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International Studies, held in Brussels, Belgium on April 1.

Gates said he could "only give a personal view on proposals like those aired by Henry Kissinger," given his "position in the administration," but said that "any bilateral U.S.-Soviet agreements on Eastern or Western Europe would not at all be appropriate. Let me tell you that I am not enthusiastic about it."

A *Boston Globe* editorial on March 30, entitled "Foregoing A Second Yalta," was also critical of Kissinger.

"Henry Kissinger's proposal that the U.S. enter into a formal agreement with Moscow on the the future of Eastern Europe is a bad idea. It is undeserving of even the cautious consideration that Secretary of State James Baker says the Bush Administration is giving it. . . .

"No matter how careful Baker might be in trying to control the spin on such a super-power agreement, others will inevitably perceive it as a carving up of Eastern Europe. They will do so because it will be a carving up.

"On both sides of the obsolescent Iron Curtain, those who have begun to foresee the gradual reintegration of a historic European Community will have reason to resent what the French call 'a second Yalta.' The more Moscow relinquishes its hold on their nations, the more Poles, Hungarians, or Czechs envision their future as a renewal of cultural, religious, and political affinities with Western Europe."

### Pepsico halts Satanic Madonna video

The Pepsico company has finally been forced to pull a TV advertisement featuring excerpts from rock star Madonna's Satanic video, "Like a Prayer," according to press reports April 4.

Pepsi had been the target of a boycott, initiated by Catholic Bishop Rene Gracida of Texas, and the American Family Group, who demanded that the company stop its Madonna-centered ad campaign, because of its perverted and blasphemous content.

*New Federalist* newspaper columnist Carol White also issued a call to boycott

Pepsi products on April 3, saying, "It is an urgent task today to strip the cover of constitutionality from all Satanic practices—which emphatically include the dissemination of pornography.

"This is so not only because pornography, for example, most frequently involves the abuse of children and finances the activities of Satanic, pedophilic groups," White said, "but because any ambiguity on this issue obscures the basis upon which our Constitution rests in natural law."

The video features Madonna in a Catholic church, cutting her hands to mimic the stigmata of Christ and then writhing in an orgasm on the altar. The lyrics include, "When you call my name it's like a little prayer/I'm down on my knees, I wanna take you there."

Madonna is the personal embodiment of the spirit of the Satanic black mass, since she has adopted the name Madonna, rather than her given name Louise Veronica Ciccone, in order to desecrate the Virgin by her every act as a so-called entertainer.

*New York Post* columnist Ray Kerrison attacked Madonna on March 31. "What is the difference between her assault on Christianity and the vandals who deface synagogues? The difference is that the vandals will be chased down and prosecuted if caught, while Madonna is rewarded with a \$5 million sponsorship contract and world tour by Pepsi-Cola."

### Project Democracy dominating Pentagon

The Bush administration is turning the Defense Department into a haven for Project Democracy's "secret government" operatives and systems analysts.

Donald Rice has been nominated for Secretary of the Air Force, and Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard L. Armitage has been tapped for Secretary of the Army.

Rice is the chief executive of the Rand Corporation, which played a pivotal role in developing the incompetent MAD doctrine and scenarios for the decoupling of NATO. Armitage is a top Project Democracy operative, who was key in toppling the Marcos regime in the Philippines.

● **THOMAS JUKES** called the Alar pesticide scare "one of the most outrageous abuses of the public trust I have ever seen." An award-winning researcher on cancer chemotherapy, Professor Jukes told the *Washington Times* on March 30, "The irony of this is that apples raised without pesticides generally show up to 45 parts per million of patulin, which is a known natural carcinogen."

● **DAVID BERKOWITZ**, the man who confessed to being the Son of Sam killer, did not single-handedly commit all the murders, but was a member of a satanic cult, according to an NBC-TV program, "Unsolved Mysteries," aired on March 29.

● **CONSTANCE CUMBEY** suggests in her book *The Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow: The New Age Movement and Our Coming Age of Barbarism*, that Greenpeace called its ship the *Rainbow Warrior* because the Rainbow is "to signify their building of the Rainbow Bridge (antahkarana) between man and Lucifer who, they say, is the over-soul."

● **SEN. AL GORE** (D-Tenn.) is ecstatic about the oil spill in Alaska. "This may be one of those defining moments that we have heard about," he told the *International Herald Tribune* April 4. "A huge spill like this focuses media coverage and political attention, not only on the environment itself, but also on the larger problems for which it is a metaphor."

● **CHASE MANHATTAN** president Thomas G. Labrecque discussed the roots of David Rockefeller's bank in an interview in the *Banking Journal* March 30. "The pistols used in the famous duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr" are on display at the bank. "Burr had formed a water company which, because of some fine print in its charter, enabled it to do banking without being called a bank. The water company in time became the Chase Manhattan Bank."