

National News

Morella denounces 'warhawk' Henry Clay

Rep. Connie Morella (D-Md.) issued a bizarre attack on Henry Clay, the champion of the American System of political economy, in a recent "Bicentennial Minute" radio commentary played in the nation's capital. Clay, whose "warhawk" faction mobilized the United States for the War of 1812 against Britain, was cited by Lyndon LaRouche as a political model in his recent announcement for Congress from the 10th district of Virginia.

"In the Eleventh Congress, Henry Clay from Kentucky was elected Speaker of the House on his first day in that legislative body. One reason for his popularity was his magnetic personality that seduced all who met him," Morella said. "Also, many Congressmen agreed with his expansionist ideas to push the U.S. borders South through Florida, West to the Pacific Coast and North to swallow up Canada.

"Clay and his hawkish colleagues wanted to retaliate against the continued boarding of American ships and seizure of their crews by the British.

"Clay and President James Madison revealed what they said was an English plot to grab New England from the United States. This was in fact untrue, but the rumor led to the War of 1812, a war which turned out to be disastrous—and expensive—for the United States. The next Congress was left to face the hard reality of the war." (For the truth about Clay, see Anton Chaitkin's article in *EIR* Vol. 16 No. 34, Aug. 25, 1989, pages 66-69.)

Kissinger attacked by liberals, conservatives

Henry Kissinger was attacked by liberal columnist Anthony Lewis in an Aug. 20 *New York Times* commentary, and by the conservative John Lofton in the Aug. 21 *Washington Times*.

"Kissinger has never understood the power of American ideas," Lewis wrote, in denouncing Kissinger's recent syndicated column denouncing the Congress for voting to impose economic sanctions on China after the massacre in Tiananmen Square. Lewis states that Kissinger "never was an enthusiast for public American expression on human rights," but has always worried about the loss of authority.

"What is it with Henry Kissinger and his hemophilic heart for Communist tyrants?" *Washington Times* columnist John Lofton asked. During the Vietnam War, "when he was negotiating with the North Vietnamese Communists—when he said peace was at hand, but, alas, it wasn't—Dr. K said something to the effect that he really liked one top Communist North Vietnamese better than he did the President of South Vietnam, that he found this head Red more honorable, more trustworthy than he did our ally."

Kissinger "articulates his morally gutless stand, warning us not to be too emotional about what Mr. Deng did. And he assures us that Mr. Deng is 'a reformer and a friend of the United States.' Poor Hitler, if only he had thought to call himself 'a reformer.'"

'Secret government' under investigation

The elite interagency task force known as the Continuity of Government (COG) apparatus is under grand jury investigation for allegations of contract fraud and other irregularities, and is expected to be the subject of inquiry by the Congress, according to *U.S. News and World Report* magazine Aug. 7.

As *EIR* reported on May 19, 1989 ("The secret government behind the Federal Emergency Management Agency"), COG played a key role in the political frameup against Lyndon LaRouche, and deployed the foreman of the jury that convicted him and six associates in December 1988.

Reporter Steven Emerson notes that the Reagan White House reorganized FEMA and other agencies responsible for survival during nuclear attack, and in 1982 created a secret agency named "Defense Mobilization

Planning Systems Agency" which subsumed COG, and was under the direct authority of George Bush.

Military networks within the Pentagon became dissatisfied with the relationship between the COG and civilian contractors, the article reports. A civilian employee of the Intelligence Security Command raised concerns about the relationship of COG to Betac Corporation, a private security consulting company working for the agency, but, indicative of the protection given COG, he himself became the subject of a Justice Department investigation.

The day after the article appeared, U.S. District Judge Norma H. Johnson, issued a gag order silencing one of the whistleblowers and his attorney. Senate investigators were informed that the order extended to conversations with members of Congress.

Congressional committees are reportedly planning to look into the matter in the fall.

New York Times covers musical tuning battle

A *New York Times* article Aug. 16 reported on the international campaign to lower the pitch to which orchestras tune their instruments to a scientifically determined C = 256 vibrations (A = 432). The campaign has been spearheaded by the Schiller Institute, and was inspired by Lyndon LaRouche.

The *Times* reports on the role that the Lubo Opera Company of New Jersey is playing in arguing for the lower pitch (many orchestras today tune to A = 440, or even higher). Lubo member Dimiter Mihov is quoted saying, "We have to accept the fact that the music was created at A = 432. . . . That type of sound was in keeping with the dramatic characterization. The sonority of the voice carries the drama, not the intensity."

The *Times* reviews the Schiller Institute-sponsored conference on tuning in Milan, Italy on April 9, 1988, mentioning speeches by Helga Zepp-LaRouche and opera singers Renata Tebaldi, and Piero Cappuccilli.

The article cited Lubo conductor Antho-

ny Morss on the ramifications of higher tuning on orchestral sound: "The overture to 'Fidelio' is written in E major, to signify buoyant hope The emotional colors of [such] works are drastically altered when orchestras perform them tuned higher than the composer intended."

U.S. team tours Soviet laser facilities

A U.S. delegation of congressmen and military experts, including Dr. John Hammond, the former head of the directed energy program for the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, arrived in the Soviet Union on Aug. 16 to tour Soviet laser installations.

The delegation, which also includes House Armed Services Committee chairman Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wisc.), were given a demonstration in Soviet laser technology at the Kurchatov Institute, which purportedly proved that Soviet laser development does not have military applications.

"I was impressed that they had developed this technology to these power levels," said Hammond, who, according to a *New York Times*, also said he believed that the laser was of limited military value. Professor Pismenny, who led the Americans on the tour, did admit that the program receives money from the Soviet military.

NDPC petitions U.S. Supreme Court

Warren J. Hamerman, the chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee, the political action committee of the LaRouche wing of the Democratic Party, announced on Aug. 25 that the NDPC has filed a new petition to the U.S. Supreme Court, demanding that the court uphold the First Amendment of the Constitution and order a halt to the "economic death penalty" which has been imposed upon "a purely political organization," because those in government

oppose its policies.

Fines of \$2.7 million had been imposed by a Boston federal judge in 1986. In July of this year, Supreme Court Justice William Brennan denied an NDPC application for a "stay of execution."

The new petition presents two fundamental questions to the Supreme Court, based upon "the First Amendment protections of political association and Fifth Amendment due process protections":

"(1) Whether a district court may enter judgment imposing a multimillion-dollar civil contempt fine against a political action committee (a) in the absence of a hearing of any kind, (b) in the absence of clear and convincing evidence of contempt, and (c) without consideration of the good faith nature of the organization's subpoena compliance or the absence of its financial resources to pay the fine?"

"(2) Whether, more than a year after expiration of the grand jury that subpoenaed an organization's records, a district court may enter a 'coercive' civil contempt judgment against the organization upon a motion that was filed by the government after the grand jury had expired?"

The following excerpt from the NDPC's petition highlights the importance of the case for the nation:

"This case is at the point where the law of the First Amendment and the law of civil contempt touch one another. The destructive fine in this case is a completely judicial act, arising from the unique law of civil contempt, and thus uniquely represents the judicial extinguishment of a political organization. The extinguishment occurred simply because, of thousands of documents that were produced to a grand jury, certain index cards were alleged not to have been produced. . . .

"The decisions upon which we rely demonstrate that the United Mine Workers and the NAACP would not be treated as harshly, even capriciously, as the NDPC has been treated and, like other entities before, we call upon the Supreme Court to protect against a diminution, because of political orientation, of a political organization's rights to due process and to adequate proof in circumstances where its existence and first amendment freedoms are threatened."

Briefly

● **HENRY KISSINGER** canceled his planned trip to Red China. Informed sources say he had come under too much pressure because of his open support for the Beijing dictatorship.

● **BALTIMORE MAYOR** Kurt Schmoke's proposals for legalizing drugs in the U.S. were endorsed by the *Financial Times* of London Aug. 21, in a column by Anthony Harris, who claims that "legalization is preferable," and that all the U.S. needs is a "leader who is both clear-headed and charismatic" who can push legalization through.

● **A CHILD PORNOGRAPHY** ring was uncovered with the arrest of two men in Virginia for conspiring to kidnap a boy whom they planned to torture, murder in a pornographic "snuff" film, and dispose of the evidence by putting the body in acid.

● **TV EVANGELIST** Jim Bakker's federal trial on charges of mail and wire fraud, commit mail and wire fraud, started jury selection on Aug. 21. The move against Bakker and other "televangelists" is seen as a strike by the Justice Department against their conservative political base.

● **THE RESIGNATION** of U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh's top aide, Murray Dickman, was editorially demanded by the *Pittsburgh Press* on Aug. 20, which charged apparent conflicts of interest involving Dickman and Thornburgh's close supporters, the Grass family, owners of the Rite Aid pharmacy chain.

● **THE ROCKY FLATS** nuclear weapons production plant in Colorado did not sustain an accidental nuclear chain reaction, according to a Department of Energy study released Aug. 11.