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Quayle justifies limited SDI role

Vice President Dan Quayle and CIA head William Webster have provided justification for a limited Strategic Defense Initiative, by stressing the "Third World ballistic missile threat."

"Fifteen nations now have a ballistic missile capability," Quayle told the March 11 London *Sunday Times*. "You put a chemical warhead on there, a nuclear warhead, a conventional warhead, and you've got a real military threat. And these are countries that are not always friendly to Western interests—Iraq, Iran, North Korea. . . . I think if you put a ballistic missile in the hands of Qaddafi or somebody that is cavalier about starting a conflict, then you've got problems."

Webster warned a congressional committee that acquisition of ballistic missiles by Third World countries is increasing, according to *Aviation Week*. "Most missiles likely to be fielded in the Third World over the next five years will have ranges of less than 1,000 km," Webster said. "But by the year 2000, at least six countries will have missiles with ranges up to 3,000 km. At least three of them may develop missiles with ranges of up to 5,500 km."

"Growing anxiety about Third World military mavericks has prompted the United States to switch the main emphasis of its controversial Star Wars program from defense against a Soviet nuclear attack to the protection of its cities from ballistic missiles launched by countries such as Libya," the *Sunday Times* claimed.

Defense study fancies revived Hapsburg empire

A new declassified Defense Intelligence Agency study that will be presented before NATO on March 19, asserts that the Soviet empire will fall. The report is written by Phillip Petersen, who has been the Pentagon's chief Sovietologist since 1983. He states that

the "military is squeezed out" of Soviet thinking, and praises Gorbachov's "revolutionary pragmatism" as the cause.

Petersen says the Soviets intend to check an insurgent Germany by creating a Rome-centered *Mittleuropa*, modeled on the old Austro-Hungarian empire. This single, Italian-dominated "economic" entity would include Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia. The study also projects the development of an expanded Nordic council including the Scandinavian and Baltic republics; a West European confederation, including Germany, the Benelux countries, France, and Spain; and the formation of a North Atlantic group of Britain, the U.S., and Canada. Switzerland and Portugal will be outside any "economic" bloc.

Cardinal: Satanism sermon got huge support

New York John Cardinal O'Connor reported that he has received an outpouring of support from all over the nation for his sermon attacking satanism and heavy metal rock music, the New York *Daily News* reported March 12.

Cardinal O'Connor told the press that his sermon drew more reaction than "anything else" he had ever preached on. "The outpouring has been largely from parents all over the country who expressed great gratitude that I talked about the things I talked about. I think it was more, and in a shorter time, than anything else I can ever recall," he said. More than 150 phone calls and hundreds of letters have come in supporting O'Connor, according to a spokesman for the archdiocese.

The Cardinal's attack drew a satanic response from Minette Martin in a commentary in the March 10 *Daily Telegraph* of London, who cited Dr. William Sergeant of the Tavistock Institute on using "insistent rhythm" to produce "altered states of consciousness."

"One of mankind's major demands from religion has always been ecstatic experience; ecstasy is one of the clearest intimations of divinity we know," she wrote. In one Sergeant film, "Voodoo, tribal reli-

gions, minor Christian cults, shamans, fire walkers, exorcists and whirling dervishes were all after a certain high—an ecstatic state of altered consciousness in which important experiences took place: the might of conversion, exorcism, out of body travel, communion with God or the spirits or a sense of oneness with the universe."

Hamiltonian program needed, says columnist

The nation's transportation infrastructure is "wearing out," costing the economy "billions of dollars," writes George Will in a March 11 commentary in the *Washington Post*.

Will cites Abraham Lincoln's statement on "the public utility of internal improvements" and "the opening of good roads [and] the clearing of navigable streams" as an example of what helped build our country, and compared that to the task before Transportation Secretary Sam Skinner of "selling a tax-phobic nation on the rationality of spending much more on infrastructure."

"Today the condition of the infrastructure is just as dramatically connected with economic vitality," Will wrote. "Unfortunately, the wearing out of America, which is one aspect of today's incontinent pursuit of current consumption, is accelerating. Since 1960, fallen more than 50% as a percentage of GNP, which explains much of America's drop in productivity. . . ."

"Transportation and other infrastructure issues should bring out a strong Hamiltonian streak in American conservatives, who too often talk the anachronistic language of Jeffersonian small-government sentimentality, of nostalgia for another America. . . . We shall see if the 18th Republican President [Bush] is the kind of conservative who understands the need to spend in order to conserve and enlarge the nation's sinews," Will concluded.

Skinner admitted that the U.S. is \$20-30 billion behind in airport infrastructure, \$80 billion behind in bridges, and "behind more than both of those" in highway improvements, during his presentation on

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March 8 of his new long-range transportation plan. The plan dumps a greater burden for infrastructure on state and local government and private enterprise, would effectively return the U.S. to the Articles of Confederation, and was severely criticized by many transportation associations.

Panel reviews expanded police-state powers

A panel of "reputable" private citizens, armed with high-level security clearances, has been secretly conducting a review of U.S. government espionage procedures for the purpose of recommending changes, such as a proposal to allow the FBI to legally examine tax records of a target without requiring evidence of any crime, Associated Press leaked March 12.

The panel, which has met with CIA director William Webster, FBI director William Sessions, and Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, includes former White House Counsels Lloyd Cutler and Arthur Culvahouse, former deputy CIA director Bobby Inman, former CIA director Richard Helms, Inter-American Dialogue chairman Sol Linowitz, former Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, former State Department official Seymour Weiss, and Eli Jacobs, owner of the Baltimore Orioles. The panel also reports to the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Courts seeking to intimidate, says priest

The courts are "not seeking justice" but are "seeking intimidation and coercion" against those fighting abortion, said Father Robert A. Pearson, national director of Sons of Mary, an organization of pro-life bishops and priests, reported the Arlington, Virginia *Catholic Herald* March 8.

The comments came as U.S. District Judge Robert J. Ward imposed \$450,000 in fines on Operation Rescue and ten individual pro-life activists on Feb. 27 for ignoring

injunctions against blocking entrances to abortion clinics. Ward told the *New York Times* that "coercive action" was needed because Operation Rescue had ignored his previous rulings.

Father Pearson, who was fined \$25,000, said that no fines of such size had been levied against animal rights and nuclear protesters. "They're politically accepted," he said.

The case originates from a civil suit brought by the National Organization for Women. George Grant, in his book *Grand Illusion*, names a host of Fortune-500 firms which fund NOW including American Express, Chrysler, Coca-Cola, Eastman Kodak, Goodyear, Johnson and Johnson, Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Merrill Lynch, J.C. Penney, Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds, Xerox, Burlington Northern, Bell South, Dart & Kraft, and Ameritech.

U.S.: secret actions against NDPC 'harmless'

The Justice Department defended its secret actions against the National Democratic Policy Committee, a political action committee representing the LaRouche wing of the Democratic Party, as "harmless error" in papers filed against an NDPC appeal to halt a legal death sentence.

Warren J. Hamerman, the chairman of the NDPC, said March 8 that the U.S. Attorney in Boston brazenly defends its "right" to give the NDPC an economic death penalty through secret papers, sealed documents, and without granting a hearing, and mocked the NDPC for citing "various authorities for the truism that open proceedings are generally to be preferred over 'ex parte, in camera' proceedings" and its "talismanic invocation of the general presumption favoring open hearings."

The government contends that their key affidavit was "submitted under seal because . . . it was unavoidably necessary" to conceal "certain highly sensitive information." The government concludes that "regardless of whether the documents upon which the District Court relied should have been unsealed, any failure to do so constituted, at most, harmless error."

● **AMERICANS** are "brain dead" because they listen to George Bush, satirist Russell Baker said in the March 10 *New York Times*. "When brains fail it's comforting . . . to cleave to slogans which create the illusion that somebody somewhere . . . is still thinking."

● **A NEW 'OIL SHOCK'** with a \$35 per barrel price level would be just the thing I would encourage at present if I were Bush" because it "might possibly benefit his interests—banking, insurance," a senior financial analyst told *EIR* March 10.

● **THE POPULATION** of the United States reached 250 million on March 6, according to the Census Bureau. On Nov. 20, 1967, President Johnson hailed the birth of the 200 millionth American that day. President Bush did not even note the event officially.

● **OLIVER NORTH** testified March 12 that he got permission from former National Security Adviser Adm. John Poindexter to divert profits from covert U.S. arms sales to Iran to buy military supplies for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels. North also said, "I do remember the general admonition," not to reveal the diversion.

● **NEIL BUSH** was a member of the board of Silverado S&L, four of whose largest borrowers "had connections to convicted Louisiana mob associate Herman K. Beebe, Sr., or to Robert L. Corson, a Houston developer and alleged CIA operative," according to the March 11 *Houston Post*.

● **McGEORGE BUNDY** attacked American right-to-lifers for obstructing U.S. financial aid to population control organizations at the "International Forum on Population in the 21st Century" held in Amsterdam in November 1989, according to Planned Parenthood's January *Peo-*