

# National News

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## GOP recruiting 'green' candidates

The Republican Party is making a big push to recruit 'green' candidates, and to be the party of environmentalism.

Environmental Protection Agency dictator William Reilly told the April 11 *Christian Science Monitor* that the Republicans have a national environmental strategy. "If you talk to Lee Atwater or Newt Gingrich, they will tell you the environment is one of four or five issues on which the Republican Party must prevail if it is to distinguish itself and become the majority party," he said.

Together with the Republican National Congressional Committee, Reilly is telling potential candidates that they must go green to get party support; he is personally recruiting greens to campaign for office, including one Trudy Coxe, a radical ecologist who is running as a Republican for Congress in Rhode Island.

"At the center of the revitalized GOP green-consciousness is President Bush—the self-proclaimed environment president. Whether or not environmentalists think his clean-air plan is soft, or his EPA chief too weak, Bush has raised the stakes on the issue," the *Monitor* commented.

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## Walsh presses Iran-contra probe

Special Prosecutor Lawrence E. Walsh told the April 13 *Washington Post* that he is "pressing forward with his investigation into the Iran-Contra affair and is concentrating on what he now considers the "essence of the crime: a pattern of deceit" at the highest levels of the Reagan administration.

"Regardless of who knew what about particular details of the operation, was there any doubt that Congress was not being told these details honestly?" Walsh asked.

Walsh said the issue driving administration lying was not fear of violating the Boland amendment restrictions on military aid to the Contras, but fear that the Congress would not provide direct military aid if the

knowledge of the activities of the enterprise—aid to the Contras, and arms for hostages—were made public. The diversion of profits from the sales was a "distraction" from that more fundamental issue, in his view.

Walsh said he intends to pin down Reagan, Bush, and Ed Meese on exactly what they knew and when they knew it, and will aim his investigation at officials who lied to Congress.

Walsh said that the Iran-Contra cases have established an important principle: that lying to Congress is a crime even if an official is not questioned under oath.

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## Council urges separate Soviet-U.S. Mars trips

The United States and Soviet unmanned missions to Mars should be separate, though coordinated, the National Research Council concluded in a report for NASA released April 16.

In a policy statement dealing with U.S.-Soviet relations in space, the committee stated that a mission highly dependent on cooperative efforts would be a "potential hostage to political events that might disrupt communications and interaction between the two nations."

Not mentioned in the press coverage of the report, nor anywhere else, except in *EIR*, is the fact that there is no objective reason why the U.S. should want to cooperate with the Russians on missions to Mars, since 80% of their missions have failed, including both of the Phobos spacecrafts launched to Mars last July.

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## Euthanasia groups in deadly embrace

The Society for the Right to Die and the Concern For Dying, the two organizations that evolved out of the Euthanasia Society of America, are joining forces again. They allegedly dissolved their affiliation in 1979 to focus on different strategies of "education" and legislative changes to achieve their

shared goal of making Nazi euthanasia policies prevail throughout U.S. medical and legal education facilities and health care institutions.

After a decade of "accomplishments" that include making the acceptance of starving patients to death and the indoctrination of judges and attorneys on the "right" to die and to kill, the euthanasia mob is being retooled for broader targets and institutional authority. On April 16 board members of both the Right to Die Society and Concern for Dying will vote on the proposed merger and a new name.

The Euthanasia Society of America (ESA) was founded in 1934 by leading advocates in the fields of eugenics, population control, and "voluntary" and compulsory euthanasia for all ages. But the terms eugenics and euthanasia became hated during and after World War II, as Nazi crimes became publicized.

Now, instead of demanding that society terminate "sub-human life" at all ages and "defective" newborns, the new merger will add a sanitized veneer to their Nazi policies. This can be seen in their close relations with the 30-million member American Association of Retired People, which is co-funding the conference in May, along with Prudential Insurance's "New Jersey Citizens' Committee on Biomedical Ethics," the group that promoted the lies that have led New Jersey into the worst pro-euthanasia court decisions of the nation.

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## East German hero named to N.Y. Philharmonic

East German conductor Kurt Masur, a man many thought might become head of state following his active role in the pro-democracy movement as a member of Neues Forum, on April 9 was named music director and conductor of the New York Philharmonic. He will replace Zubin Mehta starting with the 1992-93 season.

Masur was named with the enthusiastic support of the orchestra's members, who for the first time in this century were actively involved and consulted in the selection process. "We have a conductor who was chosen with the consent of the governed and we

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went to Eastern Europe to find our 'democratically elected' leader," said Joseph Robinson, the principal oboist of the orchestra who, with four other members of the Philharmonic, interviewed Masur in Paris on April 9.

Masur has been music director of the Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig for 20 years. Robinson said that when the orchestra was told of the choice, its members burst into applause.

In December Masur had granted an exclusive interview to *Ibykus*, a magazine founded by Helga Zepp-LaRouche (see p. 56).

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## EMP tests targeted on environmental pretext

Electromagnetic pulse experiments conducted by the U.S. Army at its Woodbridge, Virginia, research facility are under attack in a 10-part series in the *Potomac News* of Woodbridge.

The attack on EMP research lends credibility to Virginia congressional candidate Lyndon LaRouche's warning that Gorbachov is bent on using environmental issues to shut down U.S. industry.

The *Potomac News* cites the fact that two Woodbridge employees, one a guard and the other an Army environmental official, allegedly suffered health problems and later died as a result of the EMP research. One of the two, John Ganz, complained of being "branded as [an] environmental whistle-blower."

U.S. NATO officials in Europe as well as German officials believe that the Soviets are making advances in the field of EMP weapons, and that use of such weapons by the Soviets may have been responsible for the 1988 crash at the Ramstein, West Germany, Air Show.

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## New Bush administration police state moves

The FBI has been submitting draft legislation to the Congress which would substantially expand its powers, the *New York*

*Times* reported April 12.

The draft legislation would allow the FBI to seize office documents, bank files, and related records, without a grand jury subpoena. Currently, the FBI requires a subpoena to enter a suspect's home in order to acquire such material.

Under the new proposal, the FBI would have the right to unilaterally issue what would be known as an "administrative summons," which would compel the target of any investigation to turn over documents of any sort.

The proposal would require no review of the FBI action before a judge or grand jury, and consequently, no proof, outside of an internal FBI decision, that seizure of the documents would be necessary. There would be no need to even show that there were credible reasons for having the target of the seizure under investigation.

FBI spokesman Mike Kortan admitted that "the FBI supports exploration of this issue. We've been in discussion of this with the Department of Justice and United States attorneys."

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## Court okays death sentence of retarded man

The Supreme Court has refused to hear the death-sentence appeal of a retarded man, opening the way to his execution.

The Court's decision, made without comment, effectively lifts the stay of execution it granted four months ago to Dalton Prejean, who was convicted in 1978 of having killed a state trooper in Louisiana. At the time, Prejean was 17 and was said to have had the IQ of a 13-year-old. Now 31, Prejean's IQ measures 76. He has been on death row since 1978.

The Court's move in the Prejean case is congruent with the increasing tendency toward outright barbarism that has marked its deliberations in the recent period. Last June, in two 5-4 decisions, the Court ruled that the Constitution does not forbid executing murderers who are either mentally retarded or were teenagers at the time of the crime. They did not cite the Constitution, or any principle of law, but "prevailing popular opinion" on the issue of capital punishment.

## Briefly

● **CONCERN** about the safety of the blood supply because of AIDS and other infectious diseases led the independent Richmond Metropolitan Blood Service, which supplies blood to 13 hospitals, to urge individuals who are about to undergo surgery to store their blood in advance.

● **RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY** died of heart failure on April 17 at the age of 64. The leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was a close collaborator of Dr. Martin Luther King in the struggle for civil rights.

● **MICHAEL BOSKIN**, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, warned that reducing "global warming" gases could cost the United States \$200 billion a year, the *Wall Street Journal* reported April 16.

● **TWENTY-NINE** percent of U.S. teenagers believe in witchcraft, while 50% believe in Extra Sensory Perception, according to a recent Gallup poll of 13-17 year-olds, the April 11 *USA Today* reported.

● **ARCH MOORE**, the former governor of West Virginia defeated for re-election in 1988 by Democrat Gaston Caperton, was indicted by a federal grand jury April 12 on charges of fraud, extortion, obstruction of justice, and filing false income tax returns. Moore allegedly accepted and spent \$100,000 in cash during the 1984 election campaign in violation of state campaign laws.

● **THE WINTER 1990** issue of *The News Media and The Law* magazine carried an article on the favorable ruling by the bankruptcy court last fall in the involuntary federally enforced bankruptcy of the Fusion Energy Foundation. It described FEF board member Lyndon LaRouche as a "conservative politician," and emphasized that the judge found the government acted in bad faith.