

# National News

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## Kissinger defends Soviet Empire

United States policy ought to be to preserve the territorial integrity of the U.S.S.R. regardless of the immorality of the absorption of the Baltic states under the Hitler-Stalin Pact, Henry Kissinger said on the ABC News program "This Week with David Brinkley" on April 22.

Echoing Moscow's legal thuggery, Kissinger said that independence cannot be proclaimed by a local parliament, as happened in Lithuania, or else the Soviet Union will disintegrate. Kissinger said that such a vote was "intolerable."

Kissinger stated that the real war danger today sprang from the emerging nationalisms in the Balkans and Middle East which might trigger theater wars.

Kissinger also stood by his apology for the Tiananmen Square massacre by repeating his assertion that no government would have tolerated having government offices blocked in this way.

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## Haitians rally against AIDS policy

Over 50,000 Haitians and supporters marched from Brooklyn to downtown Manhattan in New York City on April 20 to protest government policy towards Haitians and AIDS.

The size of the crowd surprised police officials who expected a demonstration of 10,000, as thousands joined the rally when it crossed the Brooklyn Bridge into Manhattan and marched to Federal Plaza. The rally lasted for at least six hours and continued to grow in size.

One leaflet distributed to the marchers read, "LaRouche Was Right: Global 2000 is Genocide 100 Times Worse than Hitler!" Signs prepared by rally organizers read: "Jimmy Carter's Administration Called for Reducing the World's Population by the Year 2000"; "Poverty Causes AIDS, Not Haitians"; "AIDS is a Biological Weapon";

and "Scientists Created AIDS to Kill Black Population."

Rally organizers attacked racial discrimination against Haitians and Africans. "We Need Medical Science, Not Race Science," one demonstrator's sign read. Rally organizers told everyone not to speak to the press which they said was a part of the problem. Organizing for the rally was done entirely through networks and Haitian radio programs.

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## EPA seeks limit on technology to E. Europe

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), headed by William Reilly, is urging President Bush to impose strict environmental conditions on all aid to Eastern Europe.

According to David Gergen, a former Reagan administration official, who wrote in *U.S. News and World Report* in April, the EPA is informally urging that the U.S. demand that all loans to Eastern Europe from the World Bank and other such institutions, and from private banks, be conditioned upon "tight environmental standards."

Pressure for such measures is coming from outside the administration as well. Gergen noted that Sovietologist Ed Hewitt of the Brookings Institution recommends that the U.S. and its allies move to set up a regional EPA in Eastern Europe that would establish environmental rules for any development projects.

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## Supreme Court rules judges can raise taxes

A five-justice majority of the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a local judge "had the power simply to instruct local officials to raise the taxes in order to further desegregation," according to the April 19 *Washington Post*. The decision upheld the action of a Kansas City federal judge in ordering an increase in property taxes to fund school integration.

Justice Kennedy, joined by Rehnquist,

O'Connor, and Scalia, dissented, noting that the rights of local officials had been trampled upon when the judge assumed for himself "the fundamental and delicate power of taxation."

The April 23 *Wall Street Journal* editorially attacked the ruling as that of "Judge George III." It pointed out that the federal court had been wrestling with racial balance of the school system for about a decade, a job made more difficult by the white flight from the city. In order to attract white students from suburban school districts, Judge Russell Clark ordered the board to create a system of well-equipped, expensive "magnet schools," with modern swimming pools, new furnishings, and computers in every classroom. Black Kansas City parents, desperate for quality education for their children, started signing them up for these model institutions, only to be stopped by the court, which saw the black influx as upsetting the court-ordered racial formula.

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## 'LaRouche prosecutor' cited for misconduct

Ogle County, Illinois State's Attorney Dennis Schumacher, who is conducting a witch-hunt against associates of congressional candidate Lyndon LaRouche, was cited for "grave misconduct" by the Illinois State Disciplinary Commission for failing to recuse himself in a case where he had a clear conflict of interest.

The complaint arose out of a grand jury investigation of alleged sexual abuse of a child, who was a student at an elementary school run by a fundamentalist church where Schumacher is a board member, in Ogle County. It was alleged that Schumacher, who has fiduciary as well as oversight responsibilities for the church, failed to remove himself from the investigation and impeded the grand jury by rehearsing witnesses who were friends and associates at the church.

The commission found that Schumacher had improperly failed to remove and isolate himself from the investigation and the State's Attorney's presentation to the grand jury. It further found that there was enough "smoke" to warrant "serious concern" on

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● **EARTH DAY** celebrants, some 750,000 strong, trashed Central Park in New York City, damaging the grass and breaking down fences, despite appeals "to be kind to the park," and left 154.3 tons of refuse, only 4.3 tons of which were recyclable.

● **THE ATTORNEYS** General of North and South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, and Iowa have asked U.S. Attorney General Thornburgh to investigate possible anti-trust violations by the four cartel firms that control 70% of the beef and 75% of the lamb slaughter markets: IBP, of Occidental Petroleum; Excel, of Cargill; Conagra; and Beef America.

● **THE BUSH** administration is planning to cancel its attempt to deploy new Lance short-range nuclear weapons in West Germany, the April 19 *New York Times* reported. Quoting unnamed officials, it said that the Pentagon had already ordered the Army Missile Command to stop work on the weapons.

● **DR. CRAIG FIELDS** was ousted as head of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) April 21, in a move that promises to be highly controversial. Fields had promoted high-technology efforts and close cooperation with the private sector. *Aviation Week* reported DARPA has been pressured to shift its focus from innovative, high-risk technologies to "nearer-term research that could lower military costs."

● **DR. CARL SAGAN**, who hosted the *Cosmos* series on television and promotes various weird theories on nuclear winter and global warming, is an advisory board member of the Drug Policy Foundation.

● **JOHN DEUTCH**, energy secretary in the Carter administration and now provost of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is urging that homosexual college students be allowed to enroll in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC).

the role played by Schumacher in handling witnesses he knew and had both personal and religious affiliation with, prior to their testimony before the grand jury.

The commission found that the evidence presented went beyond simply the "mere appearance of impropriety," which is the standard used for recusal. They chastised Schumacher for appearing less than even-handed, which undermines the faith in the State's Attorney that should be expected by those who elected him.

Schumacher and other church elders have also been the subject of charges of financial impropriety which have surfaced over the past year. These reportedly include charges that Schumacher and other church officials issued promissory notes for loans from church members and then utilized the funds for purposes other than those they had been intended for.

### America becoming second rate, says columnist

America is fast becoming a second-rate power, stated an editorial in the April 23 *Los Angeles Times* by Andrew Grove of Intel Corp.

Grove argued that cuts in U.S. defense spending should be directed toward protecting U.S. industries which are vital to the "strategic security" of the country. He said the goal of making America technologically self-sufficient should be a top priority.

Grove outlined the decline in the U.S. electronics industry and pointed out that over the last ten years, the world market share for U.S. semiconductor manufacturers has gone from 57 to 35%, and he said he fears for the U.S. computer industry.

"Projecting these and other trends onto the nineties, the United States emerges as a second-rate economic power importing most of its industrial goods and paying for them by selling its natural resources and dwindling corporate assets. That sounds a lot like the definition of a colony. It is difficult to imagine a military action by the Soviet Union, short of a nuclear strike, that could achieve a more damaging blow to the well-being of the United States.

"To reverse these trends . . . a first step would be for the President to acknowledge that the deterioration of our industrial fabric is a threat to our strategic security. This may seem trivial, but for the current administration it would be a major step," Grove wrote.

### Du Pont heir presses Soviet trade cut-off

Lewis du Pont Smith, a supporter of the political ideas associated with statesman Lyndon LaRouche, pressed his resolution to force the E.I. Du Pont de Nemours Co., Inc., to cease all trade and financial activities with the Soviet Union until they free Lithuania, at the annual shareholder's meeting April 25 at the Hotel Du Pont in Wilmington, Delaware.

Smith read the entire resolution, which included demands that the Soviets repudiate the Hitler-Stalin Pact and cease economic warfare against Lithuania. Immediately upon his conclusion, a woman stockholder took a microphone to say this was the first time in 15 years she had ever seen a du Pont take on the "old guard." She said, "I disagree with your resolution, but I applaud your courage." At that point, Smith received thunderous applause from the audience.

The assistant to the corporate secretary informed Smith later that the board of directors was meeting to take up his resolution. The board later sent him a letter stating that the embargo "would not be in the best interests of the company."

In a personal exchange, Smith told Edgar Bronfman, who sits on the Du Pont board, that his close relationship with Gorbachov could be crucial to getting the Soviets to withdraw from Lithuania. Bronfman said, "I will study your resolution."

One stockholder told Smith, "I want you to know there were many Du Pont executives who relished the debate you have provoked." Another, who is a managing director of a plant, offered suggestions to ensure the resolution's passage. The head of a conservative organization thanked Smith for singling out the Bronfmans because they had done much to aid the enemies of the United States.