

# National News

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## 'Bush's most important opponent is God'

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche commented Dec. 4 on the waning political fortunes of President Bush, in reaction to a headline in the *Wall Street Journal* of that day which read: "Budget Writers Seek to Goose Economy."

"That, ladies and gentlemen, and others, is the *Wall Street Journal!* Bit by bit, we see our President, George Bush, the modern Caligula, flaking apart, piece by piece. And now, with this kind of headline on page two of the *Wall Street Journal*, we see the *Wall Street Journal* is probably beginning to flake apart, too.

"Some people ask, 'Who is George Bush's opponent?'

"Well, I can tell you who his most important opponent is: God. And George, I think, is on the way to turning into something like a pillar of salt—at least, if he doesn't suddenly mend his ways, and he's shown no sign of intending to do so.

"I think the *Wall Street Journal* is preparing privately for the day when there is no longer a *Wall Street* to which to report. Obviously, something hit the writer of this headline: 'Budget Writers Seek to Goose Economy.' That's in the *Wall Street Journal*. That's a sign of the times."

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## Wellstone calls for investment tax credits

Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) attacked the idea that a tax cut alone will be sufficient to revive America's wrecked economy and called for investment tax credits, in an interview in the Dec. 7 *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*.

"Relatively small tax cuts for individuals would be worth passing, but they wouldn't boost the nation's economy. What would work, Wellstone said, is a combination of government spending and private investment tax credits targeted to encourage productive investment. That type of 'strategic economic investment' is necessary not

only to end the recession, but to keep the United States globally competitive in the long run," Wellstone said, according to the paper.

"There must be an 'investment-led recovery.' He said government must invest in public infrastructure—roads, bridges, and other public works—and education," the paper reported.

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## New White House chief has checkered career

"I spent my whole life understanding people," said White House Chief of Staff Samuel Skinner. "I prosecuted people. I've been into their inner lives. . . . I indicted, what, 5,000 people. I knew more about 1,000 of them than their own families knew, and I know what they are outside and I know what they are inside. And after a while all that experience just kind of goes into a little computer, and you can make pretty good judgments about people," he told the Dec. 6 *Washington Post*.

The "kinder, gentler" replacement for John Sununu started his legal career in Illinois as a teenager, when he was arrested for transporting liquor in his car. He told prosecutor (now chief judge of the Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago) William Bauer, that he had purchased the liquor himself, without an ID. Bauer challenged him to prove it, and he went undercover and bought liquor in five out of seven stores he walked into. All lost their licenses, and the charges against Skinner were dropped.

His subsequent career choice confirms estimates of his friends that he is a consummate pragmatist, and, "beyond being a lifelong Republican," has no discernible ideology (i.e., principles).

Skinner worked with the Jewish mafia in Illinois to frame up and jail federal Judge Otto Kerner, a member of the old-line Daley machine. Sam "the Hammer" Skinner conducted the phony prosecution under the direction of the leader of the GOP in Illinois, "Big" Jim Thompson. After prosecuting numerous Chicago aldermen, Cook County political officials, and more than 40 Chicago police officers, Skinner was promoted to the

Chicago Transit Board during the period when the Cross-Town Expressway project and the Deep Tunnel water control projects, which were the backbone of Illinois infrastructure, were derailed.

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## NBC sued over 'Iowa' explosion story

The family of Clayton Hartwig, one of the 47 sailors who died in the 1989 explosion on the battleship *Iowa*, has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against NBC for purposely inflicting emotional distress.

NBC reporter Brian Ross reported in May 1989 that Navy investigators had found circumstantial evidence that Clayton Hartwig had been upset over a soured homosexual relationship and had planted an explosive device in the powder magazine of the gun turret where he worked, causing the explosion. NBC claimed this information was given to them by unidentified sources. The Navy officially apologized to the Hartwig family in November 1991.

Observers have suggested that the unidentified source cited by NBC and Brian Ross could well have been Park Elliott Dietz, then adviser to both the Naval Investigative Unit and the FBI's Behavioral Sciences Unit at Quantico. Dietz was brought into the investigation as an expert on "psycho-sexual violence."

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## Kissinger: U.S. future is policing eco-fascism

Henry Kissinger criticizes certain vacuous assumptions of the George Bush's new world order, and concludes that in the emerging world of regional balance of power alignments, the U.S. is most suited to control the "new agenda of population, environment, and nuclear proliferation," in a commentary in the Dec. 3 *New York Post*.

Kissinger dismissed the Gulf war rhetoric of Bush as a rehash of similar, failed, concepts retailed by Woodrow Wilson, and held to by successive U.S. Presidents, and said that the Gulf war was not the beginning

of a new order but the final conclusion of the Cold War. "We should never again fight a war with other people's money; America cannot be the mercenary of a new world order; it should use its own resources on behalf of its own purposes. . . . Power will be the nexus of political, military, and economic assets. As a result, new power centers are emerging in Asia and Europe. . . . [The new system] will be characterized by six major states—the United States, Europe, China, Japan, whatever emerges in the Soviet Union, and probably India."

Kissinger pointed to the population, environment, and nuclear proliferation issues as new arenas for U.S. action. "These problems are so unprecedented, so complex, and so global in their implications that international order begins to merge into a challenge to domestic governance. Will leaders have to devote so much energy to gaining support of vast constituencies that too little energy remains for building a stable peace? Is it possible to master the future when electoral pressures turn every problem into a special case? Will societies of such different cultural origins be able to define even the genuinely global issues in a compatible manner? . . . The answers can be no better than the questions we pose."

## White House group sets own rule, says Lewis

White House Counsel C. Boyden Gray and his team have set up a "George III society" at the White House to rule without the Congress, columnist Anthony Lewis charged in the Dec. 4 *New York Times*. Portraying the recent Bush move to cancel the fair employment regulations in a *fait accompli* as a brainchild of Gray's, Lewis wrote:

"Gray has been close to Bush for years, and it is usual for a President to have a friend advise him as counsel. But Gray and his staff have made the office into something more: an engine for making policy without accountability. . . ."

"The danger of this unaccountable office making major policy is the more serious when the policy concerns race. For Gray is seemingly obsessed with that subject. He

planted in Bush's mind the idea that the civil rights bill would produce *quotas*. For two years, in numerous negotiations, Gray resisted all efforts at compromise.

"Gray has a young assistant who is equally fanatical on the subject. His name is Nelson Lund. . . . Evidently, Lund is one of that brand of modern right-wing radicals who are fundamentally disillusioned with democracy. The George III Society, I call them. They want the President to govern without congressional interference. Now it appears that they are ready to dispense with most of the Executive branch, too, and run things from inside the White House. For Gray and his office to launch a coup on regulations covering fair employment when the country is so edgy on race shows the danger of such a rootless office. It was the height of irresponsibility."

## CIA sets up active ops against technology

The CIA has set up a new center to conduct offensive covert operations against the science and research capabilities of Third World nations, according to an article in the Dec. 3 *Washington Times* by national security correspondent Bill Gertz.

The Non-Proliferation Center was unveiled Sept. 17 at Langley, Gertz reported. When fully staffed, it will have about 100 analysts and clandestine operators, about one-third of whom will come from agencies outside the CIA.

The purpose of the center is not only to provide intelligence support to policymakers, but to be "pro-active" in halting the spread of weapons in the field. "Our mission, in essence, is to stop this kind of activity," one official told Gertz. This means identifying and "disrupting" targeted arms and technology programs, using the resources of nuclear engineers, chemists, biologists, lawyers, and experts on machine tools and micro-electronics.

The center will also concentrate on the threat posed by Soviet nuclear scientists who emigrate to Third World nations with knowledge to sell.

## Briefly

● **FORMER CIA** European operations chief Duane R. "Dewey" Claridge pleaded "not guilty" Dec. 6 to charges that he lied about arranging the Nov. 24, 1985 shipment of Hawk missiles from Israel to Iran. Claridge told Congress that Oliver North had told him the shipment contained oil-drilling equipment, not arms.

● **KIMBERLY BERGALIS**, the first person known to have died in the U.S. from AIDS transmitted to her by her dentist, died Dec. 8 at the age of 23. She spent her last months fighting for mandatory testing and regulation of the health care profession to combat the spread of AIDS.

● **CARDINAL** John O'Connor of New York pleaded with pro-abortion Catholic politicians to confess their sins and change their lives, reported the Dec. 2 *New York Post*. He chastised those "engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage."

● **CHARLIE BLACK**, a partner in the public relations firm of Black, Manafort and Stone, has been named to run President Bush's reelection campaign. Washington observers consider Black a more vicious dirty trickster than was the late Lee Atwater.

● **DAVID DUKE** announced his campaign for President in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 4. To keep up interest, Anti-Defamation League asset Rabbi Avi Weiss of Riverdale, New York was allowed to walk onstage holding an anti-Duke sign, was duly photographed by national press corps, and was then escorted out. Duke will run in Maryland's March 3 primary.

● **SEN. SAM NUNN** (D-Ga.) arrived in Bonn, Germany Dec. 3 to campaign for deeper cuts in U.S. troop strength. Nunn, who has called for a reduction of U.S. military forces in Europe to a level of 70,000 men, is apparently in tune with George Bush's recently reported aim for a troop level below the 110,000 men planned by the Pentagon for 1995.