

National News

Kissinger says, 'let technocrats rule'

Henry Kissinger, the former U.S. secretary of state and national security adviser, suggested that politics should be made by technocrats "who really know the world," at a public forum in Munich, Germany on May 18.

According to reports, Kissinger called "world order" the main challenge of the outgoing 20th century, but expressed little confidence in governments. "The main powers have no experience in what we describe as world order."

Kissinger also said that "less and less, people will be able to understand technology. Most states no longer understand the world we're living in."

The real problems which people no longer understand, according to Kissinger, are nuclear proliferation, environmental problems, excessive population growth, and that there will not and cannot be any such thing as isolated local or regional peace anywhere in the world. The end of the Cold War at least created the chance, for the first time, to build a global order, Kissinger said.

FBI seeks KGB-style wiretaps, opponents say

FBI Director William Sessions demanded that Congress pass legislation to force phone companies to alter their equipment to enhance the wiretapping capabilities of the FBI, in a commentary in the May 24 *Washington Times*. "The financial consequences to the companies are not so substantial as to outweigh the consequences . . . [of not having] a judicially authorized technique," Sessions wrote.

In a counter-commentary, American Civil Liberties Union attorney Janlori Goldman charged that the FBI's "proposal goes far beyond today's law to create, in essence, a federal techno-cop that will require industry to anticipate the bureau's future surveillance needs." The FBI's proposal will make

the telecommunications network less secure from intrusions, she said.

"The FBI's proposal is reminiscent of the iron grip the KGB held on progress in the Soviet Union. Because the KGB was unable to wiretap individual phone lines on a switchboard, it outlawed the use of switchboards and insisted that each employee have a separate telephone line. . . . If the FBI gets its way, it won't be long before it will propose making George Orwell's 1984 a reality, complete with surveillance devices built right into home appliances."

Mob-dominated gambling growing in Minnesota

Las Vegas-style casino gambling, dominated by Las Vegas gangsters, is now spreading rapidly within the state of Minnesota. It may soon spill over into Canada, with the active cooperation of Canadian law enforcement authorities.

The Bemidji, Minnesota *Pioneer* reported on May 18 that an international conference on casino gambling at Indian reservations took place there over the May 16 weekend. Among those attending were representatives of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Justice Ministry, and Indian tribes from six provinces of Canada.

A Minnesota law enforcement official told *EIR* that 7,200 slot machines are now in place in casinos on Indian reservations in the state, and many more gambling establishments are planned. Minnesota, he said, leads the nation in such gambling. The casinos flourished following passage of a federal law "regulating" Indian gambling in 1989. He stressed that federal regulation is a farce.

At the same time, the state has no authority to monitor Indian gambling, except to run "background checks" on employees hired by the casinos. Disgruntled state employees say this arrangement cannot stop the "inevitable" influx of gangster elements into and around the management of the casinos.

A spokesman for Mystic Lake casino told *EIR* that its affairs are being handled by "many" lawyers from Dorsey and Whitney, the Minneapolis law firm of the Democratic Party which has represented many of orga-

nized crime's endeavors in the state. The overall arrangements with the tribes were worked out in compacts with the state government under the supervision of state Attorney General Hubert "Skip" Humphrey.

Kevorkian on killing rampage, says State Rep.

Michigan State Representative Fred Dillingham (R-Fowlerville) said that Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the unemployed pathologist who has carried out several so-called assisted suicides, "is almost on a rampage here" in Michigan. There's nothing that's going to stop him but a change in the law, he said. "He has ignored any social or moral responsibility. He has flagrantly flaunted this activity in the face of the public."

Kevorkian recently claimed his fourth victim, Susan Williams, 52, of Clawson, Michigan. His rationale for killing Williams was that she had multiple sclerosis and said her life had no meaning. On May 15, Williams allegedly put a gas mask over her face, inhaled carbon monoxide, and died in her home, surrounded by her family, Kevorkian, and his sister.

Kevorkian's attorney Geoffrey Feiger said Kevorkian played no direct role in Williams's death, but that he did provide "counsel" and expressed "ideas regarding this event," the May 15 *Washington Post* reported. But Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson said he had no evidence that Kevorkian had violated the court order prohibiting him from assisting in any more suicides. Kevorkian is scheduled to go on trial in June for the deaths of two women in October 1991.

The Senate passed Senate Bill 32 a year ago which would make assisted suicide a felony, but it has been stalled in the House Judiciary Committee by committee chairman Sen. Perry Bullard.

"This bill has been languishing through three murders," said Dillingham. "The longer we debate, the longer we ponder, the longer we procrastinate, the slipperier the slope. . . . Michigan is becoming the suicide haven of the world."

● **FAYE YAGER**, who shelters children and their mothers from husbands involved in satanism, was acquitted of kidnaping charges on May 15 in Marietta, Georgia. Yager denounced Cobb County District Attorney Tom Charron who, she said, targeted her for prosecution and influenced a woman who accused her.

● **ROBERT ABRAMS**, the New York State Attorney General, is covering up for drug use and drug dealing by one of his top deputies, state GOP chairman Bill Powers has charged. The accusation came as Dr. Heddy McSparron accused her former husband, Deputy Attorney General James McSparron, of participating in drug use and trafficking within the Attorney General's office.

● **GOV. MARIO CUOMO** of New York vetoed a death penalty bill in mid-May, his 10th such veto. The pro-murder faction reportedly believes itself one vote short of an override.

● **THE U.S. SUPREME** Court has agreed to hear the case of military and federal pensioners who are seeking a refund of \$500 million in taxes which Virginia unlawfully levied in 1985-88, CBS News reported May 18. State Attorney General Mary Sue Terry is reportedly frantic that the court will order the refund, which will beg the question of who gave the state the bad legal advice.

● **ONE-THIRD** of the murders in Washington, D.C. are drug contract hits by professionals, spokesmen for the Drug Enforcement Administration and D. C. police told the May 18 *Washington Post*. A police investigator estimates that 30-50 "enforcers" are at work in the city, "disciplining" users, rivals, potential witnesses, and bystanders.

● **CLAIRE GEORGE**, the former CIA director of operations, was indicted on May 21 on two new counts of obstructing congressional investigations into the Iran-Contra affair in 1986, AP reported. Similar charges were recently dropped.

Sioux Falls bishop supports Iraq milk lift

Bishop Paul V. Dudley of the Sioux Falls, South Dakota Diocese supported the milk lift to Iraq, which has been organized by the Committee to Save the Children in Iraq, in a letter to Sens. Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) and Larry Pressler (R-S.D.) and to George Bush.

"As months pass, I and many others are convinced that the Gulf War was not the best solution to the Mideast crisis caused by the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq," Bishop Dudley wrote.

"More and more there is much suffering now in Iraq inflicted upon many people due to our embargo. I urge Congress and the administration to give special consideration to lifting the embargo. There has to be other means of dealing with Saddam Hussein then by inflicting such violence on innocent victims.

"I am pleased that our dairy farmers in our state are helping to feed the innocent people of Iraq by shipping milk to this war-torn country.

"Ronald Wieczorek, of Mt. Vernon, South Dakota, is one of the courageous farmers who is seeking to alleviate the hunger of these innocent Iraqi children.

"Whatever you can do to assist the dairy farmers in this project will be greatly appreciated."

Weld urges GOP to kill pro-life plank

Massachusetts Gov. William Weld has written testimony for an upcoming Republican Party platform committee meeting urging the GOP to drop its pro-life stand against abortion.

In testimony released the week of May 18, Weld warned the party that it will forfeit its "role as the bulwark against government intrusion and the champion of individual freedom" if it maintains its position. "The Republican Party is poised to lead America into the 21st century but won't, I fear, if we become identified as the party opposing a

woman's right to choose," Weld said.

Operation Rescue staged a demonstration outside Weld's home on May 21 to protest his pro-abortion record. "You're becoming known as the abortion governor across the nation," Rev. Patrick Mahoney told Weld as demonstrators thrust a photograph of an aborted fetus at the governor.

Conservative attacks Rehnquist court

Syndicated columnist Paul Craig Roberts attacked the U.S. Supreme Court under Chief Justice William Rehnquist in a column on May 23. Roberts is perhaps the only so-called conservative in the United States to attack the police-state rulings of the Rehnquist court.

Roberts commented that while many conservatives are angry about President Bush's broken promises on taxes and quotas, they still support Bush because of his "conservative" judicial appointments. But this, he says, is "a delusion and a dangerous one at that.

"The conservative Rehnquist court is not protecting our liberties from growing prosecutorial abuses." In fact, wrote Roberts, it "gives the government favored treatment as a litigator," and in its recent ruling saying that prosecutors have no duty to present exculpatory evidence to a grand jury, it has increased the ability of federal prosecutors to frame defendants.

Roberts quoted from a recent dissent by Justice John Paul Stevens, which in turn quoted a 1935 opinion by then-Justice Sutherland, saying that the prosecutor's interest "is not that it shall win a case but that justice be done." It is as much the prosecutor's duty to "refrain from improper methods calculated to produce a wrongful conviction as it is to use every legitimate means to bring about a just one."

But now, wrote Roberts, "today's conservative court is cloaking a policy of convictions at all costs in petty legalisms.

"With the conservative court busily overturning the most basic protections in our legal system, Bush's broken vows on taxes and quotas are very small things."