

# National News

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## Brits praise Democratic Leadership Council

Bill Clinton's Democratic Leadership Council (which dissidents have dubbed "Democrats Longing for the Confederacy") drew rave reviews from the London *Financial Times's* Michael Prowse, who, in an Oct. 12 column, cites the DLC's philosophy and its influence over the Arkansas governor as an extremely positive sign of what direction a Clinton administration would take.

The DLC's "new Democrats" have "stressed the importance of pro-market policies," Prowse writes approvingly. "Equally important, they have advocated far-reaching reform of the public sector, advocating 'entrepreneurial government' in place of old-style bureaucracies. Mr. David Osborne, an institute fellow [and key Clinton adviser] was co-author of *Reinventing Government*, an influential book that advocates a Thatcherite cocktail of deregulation, privatization and enhanced customer choice." Prowse singles out the DLC program to use welfare recipients as cheap labor—workfare—for praise.

Despite pressure from labor and other groups, a President Clinton will stick to the DLC agenda, Prowse believes, citing as evidence his speech to the Democratic Convention, which Prowse characterized as a "ringing restatement of core DLC beliefs." At subsequent testing moments, he wrote, Clinton "has remained solid: for example, he recently endorsed the free trade pact with Mexico despite union misgivings."

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## State Dept. admits drug trade is booming

In its mid-year update, the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics Matters has admitted that the drug trade is booming, and that the Bush administration's anti-drug efforts have been largely ineffective. The report, quietly released last month, emphasized the massive increase in opium production in South and Central America and the increasing flows of heroin

into the U.S. from the region. At the same time, the report admits that flows of cocaine into the U.S. remain high as well.

U.S. lack of commitment to a war on drugs is most strongly evident in the outrageous criticism the State Department leveled against Peru's President Alberto Fujimori for his April 5 emergency decrees, designed to stop the Shining Path narco-terrorists who were taking over his country. While the U.S. cut off all but "humanitarian" aid, leaving Peru to face Shining Path alone, the State Department report had the gall to say the emergency measures "impeded the implementation of a more comprehensive counter-narcotics effort," and stated that "progress in restoring constitutional government . . . will be key to reinvigorating the counternarcotics effort."

Unlike previous reports, the latest one provided no new information about the narcotics situation in East or West Europe, which has been recently flooded with high-grade cocaine and heroin as the result of intensified collaboration between South American, European, and Middle Eastern trafficking organizations.

The report claimed that progress has been made in curbing drug money laundering. However, the \$30 million in frozen assets during 1992 represents a tiny portion of the estimated \$800 billion to \$1 trillion in gross profits projected for the international drug cartels this year.

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## 'Bioethicist' argues for Nazi euthanasia

Dr. Howard Brody, a leading member of the Michigan State Medical Association's commission to study so-called "assisted suicide," openly praises the Nazis' euthanasia practices, objecting only that Hitler was unreasonable. The commission of 36 was created in December 1991 after pathologist Jack Kevorkian had claimed another victim. It includes legislators sponsoring bills both for and against euthanasia, Right to Life, the Catholic Conference, the Hemlock Society, ACLU, the American Association of Retired Persons, among others.

Brody chairs the bioethics department

of the medical association. In his book *Introduction to Ethical Decisions in Medicine*, he states: "In practice, sanctity of life becomes a decision-avoiding tool. . . . Another objection points to the deleterious side effects of drugs such as marijuana and LSD as reasons not to engage in their use. Again, potential risks must be outweighed against potential benefits, and it is clear that the risk must be very great. . . . While the bioethicist is not shy about his goals of creating a new culture, he is desirous of doing it in a more reasonable (and more effective) way than Hitler set about doing it. . . . Our mention of Hitler may raise another question: granted that we reconstruct a culture based on bioethical values, whatever they turn out to be: Would this be a just society? Note that the bioethical emphasis on individual diversity already seems to have made specters of 1984 and *Brave New World* less likely."

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## CIA and KBG officially begin honeymoon

Director of Central Intelligence Robert Gates began first-ever talks in Moscow with Russian intelligence chiefs about joint cooperation on Oct. 15. After two days of talks in Poland with senior government officials, Gates met with Yevgeny Primakov, director of the Russian Intelligence Service (former espionage branch of the KGB), and Viktor Barannikov, head of the Ministry of Security (former internal security branch of the KGB). CIA spokesmen declined to comment on the trip, but a spokesman for the Russian Intelligence Service said that plans for the Gates-Primakov meeting had been under way for months, and that the Russians were prepared to discuss the "proliferation of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction, trafficking of narcotics and anti-terrorism."

According to the *Washington Times*, Gates is expected to raise the question of the Russian Intelligence Service's continued aggressive intelligence gathering in the U.S. and against U.S. interests abroad.

In Moscow, U.S. Ambassador Robert Strauss's staff announced, "Possibilities of

contact and joint activity between the Russian and American intelligence services were discussed. Both sides were satisfied with the results."

## Edward Teller attacks Gore's high-tech image

In a commentary in the Oct. 19 issue of the *Washington Times*, nuclear physicist Edward Teller uses the example of the banning of DDT to demonstrate the kinds of "misjudgments" that Democratic vice presidential candidate Al Gore made in his book *Earth in the Balance, Ecology and the Human Spirit*. Gore wrote that the "chemical revolution burst upon the world with awesome speed," claiming a rise in annual production went from 1 million tons in 1930 to 500 million in 1990. Teller pointed out that one of these chemicals was DDT: "Despite many worries about this substance, there is no evidence whatsoever of its harmful effects on humans. It has harmed mosquitoes," he continues, "and so has helped to fight malaria." Teller reported that, according to the World Health Organization, cases of malaria have more than doubled since DDT was banned 20 years ago, and are now above 4 million.

Taking the patina off Gore's carefully groomed pro-technology image, Teller added that Gore apparently has a "deep distrust of advanced technology," and quoted Gore that "the proportion of world energy use that could practically be derived from nuclear power is fairly small and is likely to remain so."

## Terry backs handicapped access to electric chair

According to a wire story, the state of Virginia has decided that Charles Sylvester Stamper who is scheduled to be electrocuted on Oct. 28, may be "faking the extent of his paralysis to force guards to wheel him to the electric chair." Stamper, a 39-year-old black inmate who has been on death row longer than anyone in Virginia, has dropped

his legal appeals and is pursuing executive clemency from Gov. Douglas Wilder. His clemency petition states that Stamper "would either have to be carried or wheeled into the death chamber, or made to shuffle in with his walker."

However, on Oct. 17, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* published an article quoting an unidentified Department of Corrections official that the scope of Stamper's disability is in question. Stamper's lawyer says that Wilder requested information on the condemned man's condition be obtained from the Department of Corrections by Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, who has become known as "Bloody Mary" since the execution of Roger Coleman May 20.

Terry's spokesman, David Parsons, insisted: "If you are saying we are trying to influence the governor's decision, the answer is absolutely not." Department of Corrections officials have said no decision has been reached on how to get Stamper to the electric chair, the first such spectacle since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976.

## Balto. Sun covers Stasi slanders of LaRouche

On Oct. 15 the *Baltimore Sun* became the first major U.S. newspaper to carry a letter to the editor describing how the East German secret police, Stasi, started disinformation tying Lyndon LaRouche to the Feb. 28, 1986 assassination of Sweden's Prime Minister Olof Palme. The letter by Marsha Mallouk was headlined, "LaRouche Was Victim of East German Lie."

Mallouk's letter detailed the international flood of stories, including in the *Sun*, claiming a Swedish LaRouche supporter was wanted as a suspect, and the recent revelations by former Stasi disinformation specialist Herbert Brehmer that he had concocted the disinformation campaign.

The *Sun* refused to run this letter until it was provided with photocopies of the daily's 1986 coverage. Reference to Anti-Defamation League's spreading the Stasi disinformation was edited out of the printed version of Mallouk's letter, however.

## Briefly

● **JIM GARRISON**, the New Orleans District Attorney who attempted to prosecute the conspiracy that murdered President John F. Kennedy 29 years ago, died after a long illness on Oct. 21.

● **SHELBY FOOTE**, the popular "expert" on the Civil War, who moderated the PBS civil war television series, told investigative reporter Anton Chaitkin recently that the Ku Klux Klan was a "natural reaction of Southerners to post-Civil War northern invaders." Of KKK founder Gen. Albert Pike, he said: "It is an outrage to take down the statue of Albert Pike. You guys are paranoid."

● **TIBOR KOVATS**, a leading member of the Hungarian Association of Former Political Prisoners was interviewed for 50 minutes by a Hungarian-language radio station on Lyndon LaRouche's presidential campaign. He outlined LaRouche's program for economic development and dismissed objections by the host that LaRouche cannot be elected because he is in jail.

● **GEORGE BUSH**: *The Unauthorized Biography*, published by EIR was the subject of a full-page article in the international Arabic-language newspaper *Al-Moharer* recently. According to Libya's New Dawn news service, the article is an interview with co-author Webster Tarpley.

● **HERMAN COHEN**, assistant secretary of state for Africa, descended on South Africa on Oct. 12 to meet with U.S. diplomats and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela. Cohen told media that the State Department would "be very disappointed" if elections planned for 1993 were postponed because of violence in the townships.

● **AL D'AMATO**, the New York senator, is one of the Republican incumbents trying to keep their seats by coattailing Democrat Bill Clinton's stands for the death penalty and against welfare recipients. Another "Clinton Republican" is Rep. Robert Kasten of Wisconsin.