

National News

Senate Democratic leader targeted in federal probe

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) is reportedly the target of a widening probe for allegedly intervening with the Federal Aviation Administration, on behalf of a charter airline company owned by one of his friends. The Associated Press claimed from South Dakota on April 14 that Daschle is under investigation by the U.S. Department of Transportation's inspector general. According to AP, the probe was requested by FAA Administrator David Hinson and Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.).

The purported scandal has been kept simmering in the South Dakota press since last September, surfacing at the same time that scribblers for Britain's Hollinger Corp. media began wildly bombarding President Clinton with unproven allegations concerning the so-called Whitewater affair.

A number of veteran observers of Capitol Hill politics have noted that Senator Daschle is more tuned than most to the reality of the international financial crisis—and to the fact that both Congress and the Clinton administration may soon have to respond to it.

Clinton defends gov't support for family farms

Addressing the Rural Economic Conference at Iowa State University on April 25, President Clinton raised important questions about the long-prevailing policy of cutting down federal farm-support programs. "I don't believe that we ought to destroy the farm support program if we want to keep the family farm," Clinton declared. "Should we modify it, can we improve it? I'm sure we can. Should we emphasize other things? Of course we should. But our first rule should be, do no harm."

The next five-year farm bill must be submitted this year to Congress, where the privateers of the Conservative Revolution are preparing to gut what remains of vital federal protection for American agriculture. The

conference addressed by the President included governors of leading agricultural states in the Midwest.

Clinton was also openly skeptical of the latest "official" readings of U.S. government economists. "We have, in the last two years, over 6 million new jobs, the lowest combined rates of unemployment and inflation in 25 years." And yet, he noted, "I just got the report this morning—in the last three months, compensation for working people in America, all across America, increased at a lower rate than it has in any three-month period in 15 years—totally against all common sense. The good news is, we have low inflation. The bad news is, nobody's getting any more money for working. And it is more pronounced in the rural areas of America, where incomes have stagnated."

As for the demands of the privateers that funding be slashed for agricultural research, Clinton said, "We need more agricultural research, not less. . . . As we give more responsibilities back to state and local governments, more responsibilities back to the private sector, the national government still has a commitment, it seems to me, and an obligation to support adequate research."

House Banking chairman wants expanded IMF role

In response to the accelerating meltdown of the global financial system, Rep. Jim Leach (R-Iowa) has recommended that bankrupt nations be subjected to financial reorganization under the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The House Banking Committee chairman was granted space for a commentary in the April 10 *Wall Street Journal*, to put forth "an alternative way to stabilize illiquid nation-states that puts the principal burden of restructuring on those who choose and can afford to take risks."

Leach recommended that the IMF, which imposes genocidal policies on nations, be given the authority to supervise and administer the international equivalent of U.S. Chapter 11 and Chapter 9 bankruptcy laws, designed to allow bankrupt corporations and municipalities to continue to function. Leach claimed his scheme is in-

tended "to keep nation-states and their people from the impoverishing implications of insolvency," instead of authorizing creditors to seize the assets of a country in financial distress.

Leach's proposal reflects a heated debate over the IMF's policy that debt-burdened nations should destroy or sell off their productive economic assets—which has repeatedly been enforced even without the threat of seizing them. The "wild card" is Lyndon LaRouche's program for global economic recovery, which includes putting the entire financial system through a Chapter 11-style reorganization, eliminating cancerous speculation and usurious debt-collection. LaRouche's proposals have been widely circulated internationally, as well as on Capitol Hill.

Solarz family charged with crimes

Former Brooklyn, New York Democratic Congressman Stephen J. Solarz and his wife Nina are back in the limelight, in roles they may wish had remained behind the scenes. So may the British-backed promoters of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the U.S.-based apparatus for plunging sovereign nations into chaos whenever London requires it.

Nina Solarz pleaded guilty on April 19 to federal charges of stealing \$7,500 in 1992 from the "American Friends of Turkish Women" charity organization, while serving as its president. She used the money to cover a bad check, written to the Internal Revenue Service on her husband's banking privileges as a member of the House of Representatives. In early 1992, a House ethics investigation found that the couple had written 743 overdrafts during a 39-month period. The Justice Department said no charges would be filed against Stephen Solarz.

Nina Solarz is the current executive director of the Fund for Peace, which works closely with the opposition-in-exile to the government of Sudan, based in London. Last year the Fund for Peace received \$44,000 from the NED, whose board of directors includes Stephen Solarz, to "support

continued publication of the London-based *Sudan Democratic Gazette*, a leading voice of democratic pluralism," says the NED's annual report. NED issued another grant for \$40,000 to assist "activists working inside Sudan and in neighboring countries to document and disseminate information" on alleged human rights abuses.

According to an April 20 report in the *New York Times*, the Clinton administration had considered Stephen Solarz for ambassador to India in early 1994. Any prospects for his nomination disappeared following disclosures of his relationship to reputed Hong-kong mafia leader Albert Yeung Shau-Shing, who was jailed in the early 1980s.

Obituary reveals Olin role in British subversion

A recent *Washington Post* death notice inadvertently reconfirmed evidence of British sponsorship of the "Conservative Revolution" onslaught against the American Republic. In its obituary on April 18, the *Post* reported, "Spencer T. Olin, 96, a former executive of munitions maker Olin Corp., who was a prominent Republican Party supporter, died April 14 at his home in Hobe Sound, Florida."

EIR has previously documented that "Hobe Sound" is merely a pseudonym for Florida's coastal Jupiter Island—the heavily guarded, secret enclave of the Harriman and Bush families. For generations, the mystery island has been a retreat for leading British-allied figures, both in the U.S. intelligence community and among executives of arms, chemical, and drug companies. The exclusive colony was organized in the 1930s by Harrimanites in the DuPont and Remington companies, engaged in arming Adolf Hitler's Nazis and installing them in power in Germany.

The obituary's confirmation of Spencer Olin's residence on Jupiter Island puts a spotlight once more on the family's Olin Foundation—a prime sponsor of the Conservative Revolution phenomenon in the United States since World War II. The family fortune was based on the Olin Mathieson corporate conglomerate, whose co-founder

William J. Mathieson was president and chairman of the Harrimans' Cold Spring Harbor laboratory between 1906 and 1922. The Cold Spring Harbor operation was the leading U.S. branch of Britain's fascist "race-science" movement, otherwise known as "eugenics."

Supreme Court orders new trial for death-row inmate

In a rare decision placing truth over mere procedure, the U.S. Supreme Court on April 19 ruled 5-4 that a condemned man be given a new trial, on grounds that the prosecution suppressed evidence which might have led to his acquittal. The majority decision was concurred in by President Clinton's appointees (Justices Ruth Baader Ginsburg, and Stephen Breyer), and Justice John Paul Stevens.

The ruling applies to the case of Curtis Lee Kyles, a Louisiana inmate who has spent 11 years on death row. The Supreme Court has ordered a new trial, because the prosecution failed to disclose witnesses and evidence supporting the possibility that the state's principal informer had framed the defendant, in order to avoid coming under suspicion himself for the 1984 murder of a woman.

Justice Antonin Scalia, a rabid supporter of execution without review, dissented, arguing that the "reality is that responsibility for factual accuracy, in capital cases as in other cases, rests elsewhere. . . . We do nothing but encourage foolish reliance to pretend otherwise." Justices Clarence Thomas, Anthony Kennedy, and William Rehnquist joined in the dissent.

In concurring with the majority decision written by Justice David H. Souter, Justices Stevens, Ginsburg, and Breyer rebuffed Scalia, emphasizing that "our duty to administer justice occasionally requires busy judges to engage in a detailed review of the particular facts of a case, even though our labors may not provide posterity with a newly minted rule of law." The opinion also notes that the "current popularity of capital punishment" made the Court's role especially important. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor joined Souter's decision.

Briefly

● **BRITAIN'S HERITAGE** Foundation, the Fabian Society's free-market stand in Washington, D.C., released its program for destroying American agriculture on April 25. Over-ripe Fabian huckster Stuart Butler told reporters that "Congress should sweep away most farm programs." As an alternative to food, Butler offered the foundation's report, entitled "Freeing America's Farmers: The Heritage Plan for Rural Prosperity."

● **WHITEWATER** prosecutor Kenneth Starr is now probing allegations that the CIA traded in guns and cocaine through Mena airport in Arkansas in the mid-1980s, the *New York Post* claimed on April 21. While pushing the hope that the investigation might lead to President Clinton's door, the story made no mention of the roles of George Bush and Oliver North.

● **ROBERT JAY LIFTON**, a leading U.S. advocate of brainwashing methods developed by Britain's Tavistock Institute, told the *Washington Post* on April 21 that the "heartland" target of Oklahoma City for a terrorist bombing was a good choice, because "if you can attack there successfully, in such an obscure place, it can happen anywhere."

● **ROBERT DORNAN** became the seventh candidate to declare for the Republican nomination for President, on April 13. The California congressman said in a TV interview that he will address "social issues" ignored by Bob Dole and Phil Gramm, the "only two front-runners." Dornan added, "We are facing financial disaster, but moral decay is a bigger issue."

● **SENATE MAJORITY** Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.) said that he and Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) will reintroduce their bill to compel the lifting of the arms embargo against Bosnia "sometime soon," on NBC's "Meet the Press" on April 16. Dole downplayed reports that Iran is providing weapons to Bosnia.