

National News

Computer games 'teach' mass murder

For children who may have gotten bored with computer games that can only shoot a few people with a gun, there's now "Falco 3.0." With this game, according to *Guide to PC Games*, by John C. Dvorak, "you pack weapons from the 20mm gatling cannon to air-to-air Sidewinder missiles to smart bombs."

Dvorak writes, "With Falco 3.0 you can fly missions over Baghdad as well as the Persian Gulf, Panama, and Israel. Pick your country, load up your weapons, and go."

Falco 3.0, which sells for \$69.95, is actually no "game." The *Guide* states: "Falco 3.0 is a consumer version of ASAT (Advanced Situation Awareness Trainer), which is used to train pilots for the F16A Fighting Falcon used by the U.S. Air Force. . . . When you sit at your screen, you're flying software so accurate that even the military uses it."

For more on such "games," see Helga Zepp-LaRouche, "The Mark of the Beast: America's Children Are in Danger," and "Media Violence: Giving Children 'the Skill and the Will to Kill,'" interview with Lt. Col. David Grossman (ret.), *EIR*, March 17, 2000.

Woolsey boasts of spying on U.S. allies

Former CIA director R. James Woolsey, a notorious Anglophile, boasts that the United States spies on its continental European allies, in a commentary in the *Wall Street Journal* on March 16, entitled "Why We Spy on Our Allies."

"Yes, my continental European friends, we have spied on you," he writes, but not to obtain technologies from European companies, which "isn't worth our stealing."

After citing the European Parliament's report on the Anglo-American industrial espionage operation known as Echelon, Woolsey charges, "We have spied on you because you bribe. Your companies' prod-

ucts are often more costly, less technically advanced or both, than your American competitors'. As a result you bribe a lot."

Woolsey blames the "dirigism" of European economies for this alleged corruption. "Why do you bribe? It's not because your companies are inherently more corrupt. Nor is it because you are inherently less talented at technology. It is because your economic patron saint is still Jean-Baptiste Colbert, whereas ours is Adam Smith." Despite some reforms, Woolsey continues, "your governments largely still dominate your economies. . . . You'd rather not go through the hassle of moving toward less *dirigisme*. It's so much easier to keep paying bribes."

Noting that the French government is forming a commission to look into all this, Woolsey suggests that they should come to Washington, for two seminars: one on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and a second on "why Adam Smith is a better guide than Colbert for 21st-century economies."

Woolsey's diatribe ignores the simple fact that the U.S. industrial economy was built according to the American System of protectionists Henry Carey and Abraham Lincoln—not at all by the British free-trade looting system of Adam Smith, the economist of the British East India Company.

ADL chief makes lying attack on papal apology

Anti-Defamation League National Director Abraham Foxman on March 12 issued a statement denouncing Pope John Paul II's *mea culpa*, a liturgy performed earlier that day, which asked God to forgive the sins of Christians through the ages. Foxman said that the ADL is "saddened and disappointed" that the Pope had not mentioned the Nazi Holocaust, which was "tolerated by Christianity and committed by many Christians."

Foxman's statement suggests that he never even bothered reading the text of the liturgy, which included a section entitled "Confession of Sins against the People of Israel." Cardinal Edward Cassidy said in that section: "Let us pray that, in recalling the sufferings endured by the people of Israel

throughout history, Christians will acknowledge the sins committed by not a few of their number against the people of the Covenant and the blessings, and in this way will purify their hearts."

Then, the Holy Father added: "God of our fathers, you chose Abraham and his descendants to bring your Name to the Nations: We are deeply saddened by the behavior of those who, in the course of history, have caused these children of yours to suffer, and asking your forgiveness we wish to commit ourselves to genuine brotherhood with the people of the Covenant"

Foxman and others make no mention of March 1998 document by the Vatican Commission on the Shoah (Holocaust), to which the Pope wrote the foreword.

Giuliani blames victim of police shooting

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani released to the public the arrest record of Patrick Dorismond, soon after he was shot to death on the night of March 17-18, by undercover Detective Anthony Vasquez. The victim, who was unarmed, was resisting an attempt by undercover policeman Anderson Moran to sell him narcotics. The shooting occurred amid great tension after four white officers were acquitted in the shooting last year of an unarmed African immigrant.

Giuliani, in an interview with Fox TV on March 19, tried to justify the killing, and his release of the victim's prior arrest record. "People do act in conformity very often with their prior behavior," he said. In a press conference, Giuliani gave the excuse that it was important to publicize Dorismond's arrests on charges of robbery and assault—even though the *convictions* on Dorismond's record were for two disorderly conduct charges. Giuliani said this was not very relevant, because "usually it is a plea down from a more serious charge." He did not mention that under American law, the accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Giuliani claimed that "Police Officer Vasquez came to the aid of the police officer who was being beaten up," and that Dorismond and another man with him "rushed for

his weapon.” The other man, Kevin Kaiser, states that the dope-sting policeman Moran threw the first punch.

The *New York Times* pointed out on March 20 that Giuliani failed to mention Detective Vasquez’s “disciplinary history, which included drawing his weapon during a bar fight that he was reportedly involved in while off-duty in 1997.”

Private prison mistreats juveniles, judge says

Louisiana State Judge Mark Doherty in New Orleans removed six teenage boys from Jena, a private juvenile prison run by Wackenhut, the world’s largest for-profit prison operator, according to the *New York Times* on March 16. The judge said that the company had treated the youth no better than animals, finding that the youth had been brutalized by guards, kept in solitary confinement for months, and deprived of shoes, blankets, education, and medical care.

According to the judge, the boys had been sent to the facility for the “avowed purpose of rehabilitation,” and instead, “wound up in a place that drives and treats juveniles as if they walk on all fours. These young people deserve to be treated like human beings, not animals.” Wackenhut had told state officials that the prison was being built to provide treatment for juveniles with drug addictions, but no drug treatment programs were offered at Jena.

The judge went to the prison himself to interview the inmates and conducted hearings to determine the facts in the case. Among his findings:

- A 17-year-old, found guilty of robbery, was forced to lie on the floor on his stomach with a guard’s knee in his back, which caused excruciating pain since he had just had an operation for gunshot wounds in his abdomen and was wearing a colostomy bag;
- One-fourth of the inmates had been “traumatically injured” in a two-month period;
- Many of the boys had no shoes or jackets in the winter, and some were forced to spend the day huddled under a shared sheet or blanket to keep warm;

- The lawyer for the inmates said that the files contained nearly two dozen reports that guards had used physical force against one teenager, resulting in broken fingers and a broken wrist—this 15-year-old inmate tried to commit suicide 20 times by swallowing razor blades and hanging himself with a sheet;

- Food shortages occurred, resulting in riots;

- Guards, most of whom are white, repeatedly used racial epithets against the youth, most of whom are black;

- Turnover in personnel was enormous—the prison had had five wardens since it opened 14 months ago, and 600 persons had filled its 180 person staff;

Wackenhut operates 39,308 beds in 56 institutions in 13 states and 7 foreign countries. The U.S. Department of Justice said the problems were caused at least partly by Wackenhut’s efforts to cut costs, saying the company had stinted on food, clothing, education, and medical treatment for the 276 inmates, and on training for guards.

White House to reduce drugging of pre-schoolers

Responding to the American Medical Association study released in February showing a sharp increase in the prescription of psychotropic drugs for young children, the White House announced a major effort to reverse this trend. The National Institutes of Health will undertake a study of the stimulant Ritalin use by children under six; there will be a White House conference this fall on diagnosis and treatment of mental illness in very young children; and the government will inform parents and teachers about the risks of Ritalin, Prozac, and other psychiatric drugs.

During a White House meeting on March 20, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton asked, “And what about the effects on our very youngest children, who haven’t been tested for these prescription drugs and whose brains are in their most critical stage of development?” There was no mention during the meeting of other factors in the derangement of youngsters, such as television viewing and violent video games.

PRESIDENT CLINTON’S lawyers on March 16 asked the Arkansas Supreme Court to delay proceedings on a private complaint filed against him, which seeks to revoke the President’s Arkansas law license. The President asked that the matter be extended until Feb. 20, 2001, after he has left office.

A BILL to make it easier for felons to regain their right to vote passed the Virginia legislature on March 1. Under the law, non-violent felons may apply to the circuit court in their city five years after they have completed their sentence and parole, to regain the right to vote. The victory was won by the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, which shamed the Republican-controlled legislature into passing it. Gov. Jim Gilmore (R) is expected to sign it.

MAFIA HIT-MAN Salvatore “Sammy the Bull” Gravano, who became a star of the FBI witness protection program after murdering at least 19 persons, was charged with running a dope ring that sold up to 30,000 pills per week to youth at rock concerts. The indictment charges that the dope ring included Michael Papa, a founder of an Arizona-based white supremacist group called the Devil Dogs. Gravano has pleaded innocent.

LAWYERS for the Branch Davidians charged on March 15 that key evidence, including photos and audio and video records from the April 19, 1993 assault on the group in Waco, Texas, was “lost, altered or tampered with” by the FBI. “It is clear that the photographs have been ‘cherry-picked’ to provide only those photographs which are not incriminating,” said attorney Patrick Caddell.

FLORIDA death row inmate Joseph Nahume Green was freed on March 16, the 87th death row inmate to be freed since 1973 on grounds of innocence, and the third this year. Green spent seven years on death row; he was convicted largely upon the testimony of a witness who was not fit to testify in court against him.