

National News

Mandate to fight terrorism, drugs

President Reagan's signing of the Executive Order on United States Intelligence Activities Dec. 4 has for the first time in more than a decade created the ability for the United States to launch a preemptive attack on terrorism, drug trafficking, and subversive activities directed against the nation. The order effectively removes the shackles from the intelligence community, giving it a clear mandate in the areas named, while at the same time guaranteeing the civil liberties of U.S. citizens.

The order has dealt a significant setback to the terrorist-supporting Socialist International, which had tried to maneuver Reagan into providing an expanded role for the FBI and a weakened role for the CIA and other intelligence agencies. A preliminary reading of the order, however, shows that it gives broadened powers to the CIA and, importantly, to military intelligence in the areas of domestic operations directed against drugs and terrorism.

The dangers of psychodrama

A student at the University of California in Long Beach was shot and killed Dec. 5 while playing "Assassin," one of the new fantasy role-playing games sweeping the nation's campuses. The victim, Mike Reagan, had been ordered by campus police to halt after he and a companion jumped out of a car carrying toy rifles. The companion stopped, but Reagan, unable to distinguish reality, dropped into a squat, and aimed his rifle at the police, who then opened fire.

The California death is the second known casualty associated with the fantasy games. Last year a student at Michigan State University was killed when he jumped out a window while playing

"Dungeons and Dragons." But there may have been others.

As security specialists have pointed out, the fantasy role-playing techniques involved in "Assassin" and "Dungeons and Dragons" parallel those used to recruit and brainwash terrorists in Italy and elsewhere. "Assassin" was explicitly based on the movie *The Tenth Victim*, produced by Carlo Ponti (who was been linked to the Red Brigades-controlling Propaganda-2 lodge) a movie based in turn on a short story by Robert Shekley, currently fiction editor of Penthouse's *Omni* magazine.

"Dungeons and Dragons" was based on the fantasy tales of top British intelligence operative J. R. R. Tolkien and the psychiatric archetypes of Bruno Bettelheim and Nazi supporter Carl Jung, with the help of neurologist John Erik Holmes, the author of *Fantasy and Role-Playing Games*.

AJC official charged with dirty-tricks campaign

Warren Hamerman, Chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee, released the following statement Nov. 21:

"It has come to my attention that Milton Ellerin, the Director of the Trends Analysis Division of the American Jewish Committee, is involved in a smear and dirty tricks campaign against myself personally, [*EIR* founder] Lyndon LaRouche, Jr., and our associates in the National Democratic Policy Committee. Ellerin's office disclosed this past week that they are directly engaged in collaboration with Socialist International operative Irwin Suall's Fact-Finding Division of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith in an internationally coordinated campaign of harassment, slander, thuggery, and potential assassinations against LaRouche, his wife Helga Zepp-LaRouche, and associates of ours.

We have conclusive proof that since 1978, Ellerin has been working with United Brands Chairman Max Fisher,

one of the kingpins of the international dope trade. If there are any questions concerning Max Fisher's role in narcotics trafficking, I refer people to the documentation in the highly authoritative international best-seller 'Dope, Inc.', published in 1978 by New Benjamin Franklin House in New York. The text from 'Dope, Inc.' has been used by intelligence and law enforcement agencies in the United States, Western Europe, and Latin America as a guide for busting the international dope-running and terror networks.

I understand that the same Milton Ellerin is now in Bonn, West Germany, where he is engaged in similar Nazi smears and various activities against Lyndon LaRouche's affiliated organizations in West Germany and Italy. Ellerin is participating in a meeting at the Eden Hotel in Bonn sponsored by the neo-fascist environmentalist leader Rev. Wilhelm Haack of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

"Further investigation into Ellerin's activity has accumulated massive evidence of his long-standing involvement in dirty operations. Ellerin was a member of the FBI's notorious Division Five for 12 years, a division which was officially under investigation for its 'inside government' role in the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

"Aspects of the growing files on Ellerin's dirty activities will be revealed at appropriate times in the near future."

Williams postponement irks media

The postponement by the U.S. Senate of the expulsion proceedings against Sen. Harrison Williams (D-N.J.) has enraged the liberal media, which have long attempted to rid Congress of its labor-allied spokesmen and other leaders linked to constituency machines.

On Dec. 1 the Senate decided to put off until Jan. 25, at the earliest, debate on the Ethics Committee report which recommends Williams's expulsion. The delay was preceded by increasing publicity

of gross Justice Department misconduct in the Williams case and by intensive grassroots lobbying efforts on his behalf by the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), the political action committee associated with *EIR* founding editor Lyndon LaRouche.

The *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* immediately protested the Senate's decision, insisting that disciplinary action against Williams should depend, not on the legal question of guilt, but on the post-Watergate notion of "ethically repugnant behavior." Williams's offensive behavior, presumably, consisted of his boasting (at the careful prompting of FBI Abscam sting-man Mel Weinberg) of his influence with other officials of the U.S. government. The *Times* piously fumed, "A federal court has yet to rule on the Senator's claims that he was entrapped by the FBI. But no entrapment ruling will change the Senate's duty to sit in judgment of their colleague, using ethical, not only legal, standards."

Meanwhile, the NDPC soared in credibility, as it has become widely recognized as the prime mover behind labor and Democratic Party support for the New Jersey Senator. The Committee's mobilization to force a full congressional probe of Abscam, before the Senate takes action on the Williams case, continued to gain momentum. Hundreds of presentations have, to date, been made by the NDPC to labor and civic groups. A statement calling for such a delay and investigation has been endorsed by over 200 prominent Americans.

AEI discusses new political system

A week-long conference which opened in Washington Dec. 7, sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), has been debating how to transform the American political system.

Another key topic discussed at the conference was that of "mediating structures," the Jesuit-devised scheme which

seeks to replace national governments with smaller units—trade unions, neighborhood groups, churches, and so forth—along the lines of the solidarism movement in Poland.

George Bush, who addressed the conference on Dec. 9, spoke at length on the need for mediating structures in the United States. The Vice-President, who has been heavily involved in the administration's new task force on private-sector initiatives, called Novak's paper "brilliant."

Kennedy blasts Fahd peace plan

Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) blasted the Saudi Mideast peace plan and urged President Reagan to end "months of inaction on the peace process" in a speech Dec. 6 in Boston.

Speaking before 2000 delegates to the national convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Kennedy characterized the Saudi plan, proposed last August by Prince Fahd, as an "unacceptable and uncompromising proposal." The plan, which implicitly recognizes Israel's right to exist as a state, has been endorsed by a number of prominent Jews, including Nahum Goldmann, former head of the World Zionist Organization.

Urging a U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf, Kennedy said that, "The Administration must be taught to tell Saudi Arabia that a true security relationship is a two-way street. We are entitled to Saudi cooperation, not rejection, of the Camp David peace process."

Kennedy also called on the Reagan administration to appoint a new negotiator in the Mideast in order to strengthen the Camp David process. According to the Senator's aides, Kennedy has been meeting with a number of prominent Democratic foreign policy bigwigs, including Sol Linowitz, the architect of the discredited and unworkable Camp David process.

Briefly

● **GOP CHAIRMAN** Richard Richards said in early December that he thinks that not only Richard Allen, but also Alexander Haig, may both be ousted in the near future. A Republican congressman close to Donald Rumsfeld indicated to *EIR* that the former Defense Secretary is hoping to take "Cap" Weinberger's job if the current Defense Secretary moves over to take Haig's place at the State Department.

● **THE WASHINGTON POST** refused Dec. 10 to print an article by Jack Anderson containing evidence exonerating Abscam frameup victim Sen. Harrison Williams. The *Post* has consistently attacked Williams in order to further his expulsion from the Senate.

● **THE DENVER POST** ran a three-page exposé of the Federal Witness Protection Program on Dec. 6, pointing to evidence that murders of innocent people were carried out by criminals protected by the program. The FWPP has provided a pool of convicts who are paid to produce false evidence against victims of frameups, such as the labor and political leaders tried under the Abscam-Brilab sting operations. The article is entitled "12 Who Died—Does Blame Fall on Blunders in Witness Shield Program?"

● **THE COMMITTEE** for the Year 2000 foresees a "blockbuster announcement," following a two-day secret session in January, that one or more cabinet officials have joined the group. Committee chief Robert O. Anderson, Elliot Richardson and other GOP members of the committee have met with at least three cabinet members whom they claim to have won over to their perspective: Commerce Secretary Baldrige, Agriculture Secretary Block, and Interior Secretary Watt. "We are going to get a lot more done without fighting than people expected," said a committee spokesman this month.