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FY83 NASA budget is increased

The appropriations bill for HUD and Independent Agencies for fiscal year 1983, which includes the budget for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, was signed by the President on Sept. 30. Though most other government departments will be funded on continuing resolutions until after the Nov. 29 recess, NASA will start on its FY83 budget.

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees agreed to increase the NASA budget by \$197 million, to a total level of \$6.809 billion. The increase will reinstate funding for the modified Centaur upper stage rocket for use with the Space Shuttle and advanced aeronautics and communications research that the Reagan administration had eliminated, with the claim that the "private sector" would finance these projects.

In addition, \$30 million was added for the planetary and space-science programs, which have suffered a continuing decline in the past decade. With this additional funding, crucial projects can be kept in progress, though there is no money in FY83 for any new starts.

Strauss warns of debt bomb

Former U.S. Special Trade Negotiator and Democratic National Committee Chairman Robert Strauss warned a Washington, D.C. conference of the American Stock Exchange Oct. 20 that the New York-London bankers' control over world finance is imperiled by the possibility of a Third World "debtors' cartel."

"It is a very serious thing," Strauss said. "Why a group of these countries could call all the bankers together and tell the banks—'either you give us \$50 billion or we will go home and pull the plug.' I am not predicting this, but this is what some people say could happen.

"The credit system is more fragile than ever before. We need to have more serious

meetings on this, standby measures, increase the money going to the IMF and other institutions, more creditors of last resort, and be damn sure that it is not going to topple. And we are not just talking about LDC debt. agricultural debt in this country."

By contrast, Undersecretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs Beryl Sprinkel declared: "We are not in a crisis now, nor do we believe a crisis to be imminent," Sprinkel said. "While the Mexican situation has not yet been resolved, the rapid and effective response of both private and official lenders demonstrates the capacity of the financial system to deal with difficult situations. More generally, borrowing countries are showing a greater willingness to take adjustment measures."

Jerry Brown linked to united Klan danger

According to an article being prepared for *EIR's Investigative Leads* counterintelligence bulletin, circles in the administration of California Gov. Jerry Brown, including Brown appointee Sim Van der Ryn, are working with the est cult of San Francisco. Est leader Jimmy Rosenberg, a.k.a. Werner Erhard, united and took control of the six major branches of the Ku Klux Klan at a meeting of Klan leaders in Stone Mountain, Georgia during September. Attendees Don Black of Alabama and David Duke of New Orleans (leaders of the Knights of the KKK) and Dr. Edward Fields of Marietta's New Order of the KKK and publisher of the *Thunderbolt* newspaper, are identified as leaders of the new "United Confederation of KKKs," a development identified by the ADL of B'nai B'rith and others as signaling escalated danger of violence.

Duke and Black have been undergoing brainwashing during the past two years under Rosenberg, whose cult is now seeking to recruit other Klan leaders. The 100,000-member cult also runs a World Hunger Project from San Francisco, London, Tel Aviv, Stockholm and Sidney. It practices high-fee attack therapy which, according to Los Angeles psychiatrist Dr. Friedrich Haacker and others, produce psychotic patterns akin to

those POWs subjected to brainwashing.

Est members' penetration into the U.S. government include the National Bureau of Prisons, the HEW, U.S. Energy Agency and the World Hunger Project under Dr. Peter Bourne during the Jimmy Carter presidency.

Volcker's 'secret' policy: smash labor

The "secret" weapon in Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker's so-called war against inflation is to slash U.S. wage levels. According to statistics in the Fed's possession, the major "victory" scored by Volcker and his allies over the last year has been a major slowdown in the rate of wage increases. Average hourly earnings rose by only 6 percent last year, as compared to 9.3 percent for the year ending September 1981. This is the first significant decline in the level of wage increases in six years and greater than any in recent memory. For figures that correlate to unionized workers, the decline is even more marked. The average worker's weekly paycheck rose by an annual rate of only 4.1 percent for the year ending September, 1982.

The UAW-Chrysler contract fight is viewed as an important test. The Fed is said to support a "hard line" by the company to block any significant wage increases. The union, which has refused to attack Volcker or his policies, is admittedly trying to buy time.

Shultz calls for upheaval in Eastern Europe

Secretary of State George Shultz told a State Department conference on "Democratization in Eastern Europe" Oct. 18 that his policy of seeking broad NATO trade controls against the Soviet Union is to be accompanied by active efforts to foment political destabilizations within the East bloc. Speaking alongside Undersecretary of State Eagleburger to an audience of operatives who will be working to engineer such destabilizations,

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Shultz said; "We do not seek to foment violent unrest or to undermine communist countries," but called upon more organizations to "follow the example of the AFL-CIO, which offered strong support for Polish Solidarity."

Among the group of think tankers and oligarchical collaborators in attendance were Michael Ledeen, linked to the Italian P-2 controllers of the Red Brigades; and Irving Brown, the AFL-CIO International Affairs Director. Brown is implicated in Red Brigades terrorism through the Paris office of the AFL-CIO, where his support work for Solidarity was co-ordinated with Luigi Scricciolo, international director for the Italian trade-union confederation UIL. Scricciolo was a Red Brigades member.

Williams Abscam appeal: 'FBI committed crime'

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit heard the Abscam case of *U.S. v. Harrison A. Williams* on Oct. 7. It is not known when the decision will be handed down.

Two of the three judges presiding on the Williams' appeals panel, Judges Newman and Friendly, just this summer upheld Abscam convictions of other U.S. Congressmen. A clerk of the court calendar stated, "The same judges hear the same cases, if possible, to insure there are no dissensions in the circuit." The only other judge who would have been available in the 2nd Circuit to sit on the panel was Judge George Pratt who presided at all Abscam trials in the district, and now sits on the circuit, sources report, "as a reward for his performance in Abscam." He of course had to be recused from the Williams appeal hearing.

Erwin Griswold, former U.S. Solicitor General in the Johnson administration and Williams's appeal attorney, forcefully restated the argument that not only did this 28-year veteran of the U.S. Congress not commit a crime, but most emphatically, the FBI "created crime, it did not ferret out crime." He also noted that if the FBI were tracking down drug traffickers, as it ought to be, there would be "no impropriety" in their actions. The government maintained its position that

Williams must have had predisposition to commit a crime since he did not "turn on his heels and walk out" of the business situations the FBI manufactured.

While most major media did not cover this event, the public finally began to get a glimpse of the real scam in Abscam. On Oct. 7, the *Wall Street Journal* ran a front page article entitled, "Rogues' Gallery, FBI's Use of Con Men To Catch Other Crooks Occasionally Backfires." The sub-headlines were, "Abscam Link Provide Cover For a Big Loan Swindle; Auto Buyers Get Stung, Friend at Chase Manhattan." This article along with a 15-minute segment on *60 Minutes* Oct. 10, demonstrated an approximation of what this news service exposed last year in its coverage of the Williams case: that the FBI's paid convicted criminals were committing crimes with government sanction. As the *Journal* put it, "They can hurt innocent people."

Freeze leaders call for conventional buildup

Arthur Westing of the Stockholm Peace Research Institute explained at a conference of the nuclear freeze movement Oct. 21 that the freeze will involve "a conventional arms buildup." "The freeze may involve more military expenditures," he said. "Disarmament should not be our goal but a clearly defensive military posture." Westing made his remarks at a workshop he chaired of freeze-movement organizers from around the country, held during the "Fate of the Earth" conference sponsored by the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and various environmentalist and disarmament groups.

Another workshop chairman, Ruth Adams, editor of the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, emphasized to the liberal attendees that they had to confront the "national security issue. We must answer the question 'Why are we in this fight?'" The reason, explained Adams, was the Soviet Union. "Our enemy is the Soviet Union," she said.

Stewart Mott proposes to the organizers that they draw up a "congressional hit list" of senators and congressmen opposed to the freeze who win their elections in November by 5 percent or less.

● **EDWIN MEESE** intervened at the last minute to cancel a meeting between President Reagan and the leaders of 14 environmentalist groups. The environmentalists were reportedly attempting to offer a deal whereby they would pull their political punches against the GOP in the November elections in exchange for administration concessions on certain policy matters.

● **RICHARD RICHARDS**, outgoing chairman of the Republican National Committee told the *Washington Post* Oct. 17 that, despite the nation's economic woes, he anticipates that the GOP will only lose about 10 to 15 seats in the House this fall, while retaining control over the Senate. "If the Democratic Party had any upbeat economic program of their own, we'd be in real trouble," Richards said. "But as it is, they're still running against Herbert Hoover."

● **GEORGE SHULTZ** is being touted by the East Coast press for "salvaging the relationship with China" and other imaginary feats.

● **MARSHALL FIELD**, the owner of the Chicago *Sun-Times*, and Mrs. Brooks McCormick will co-host a black-tie dinner in Chicago Nov. 8 to honor Britain's Prince Philip. The dinner will occur shortly after Philip delivers a dissertation at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History in which he will denounce Brazil's plans to develop the Amazon.

● **HENRY KISSINGER** lost all remnants of composure at the "U.S. Perspectives" conference in Washington on Oct. 22, when *EIR* correspondent Ron Kokinda asked him how his current "soft" line toward the Third World squared with his role in the judicial murder of Pakistan's Ali Bhutto. "I will not take this question!" Henry screamed. Copies of *EIR*'s Oct. issue headlined "How Henry Kissinger Will Be Destroyed" were grabbed up at the lunch break.