

National News

President orders national space station study

NASA has announced that President Reagan requested the space agency to lead a new study to present him with a series of possible space station options by the fall of 1983. The announcement, made April 11, stated that the study will be conducted by a working group of the Senior Interagency Group for Space which was established early in the Reagan administration. The group, chaired by National Security Adviser William Clark, will present the options to the President, who will make the final decision on the future of the civilian manned space program.

The President has asked that the working group consider four possible space station plans. The first assumes that there will be an operational Space Shuttle fleet and no station; the second assumes that unmanned platforms, holding groups of satellites, will augment the Shuttle system; the third assumes that a small manned space station will be orbited along with the operational Shuttle; and the fourth plan would include a fully functional, permanently manned space station.

According to NASA, a wire story went out on UPI and the major press were called by NASA to announce this initiative. In New York, the *Tribune*, run by Rev. Moon's cult, ran the story in a two-sentence item.

Weinberger proposes measures with Soviets

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger proposed a series of joint U.S.-Soviet measures April 12 to reduce the risk of nuclear war.

The measures include the establishment of the first-ever direct communications link between the United States and Soviet military commands and the improvement of the White House-Kremlin "hot line" to include data communications capabilities. In addition,

Weinberger proposed joint consultations with the Soviets on potential terrorist-inspired nuclear incidents.

The proposals are similar to those presented last year by Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.). The most significant difference is the rejection of a plan for the establishment of a Swiss-style crisis management center in a neutral country, jointly manned by U.S. and Soviet personnel, in favor of more traditional executive-level and military command contacts between the superpowers.

President Reagan said April 12 that the proposals "are fully consistent with our goal of reducing the risk of nuclear war." The President is expected to endorse the proposals and submit legislation to Congress.

A spokesman for the Defense Department said April 13 that the measures "are consistent with the President's plans to eliminate as quickly as possible the danger of nuclear war as stated in his March 23 speech and subsequent remarks." Weinberger has presented the proposals, which were the product of several months of study, to Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin at the State Department. The Defense Department spokesman said that Weinberger feels confident that the Soviets will accept the plan.

Pollsters erred in 1980; haven't learned yet

The results of a Harris poll on Americans' reactions to President Reagan's new defense doctrine, published in the April 14 edition of *USA Today*, declares that "58 percent of the people in the USA oppose President Reagan's proposal to develop satellite systems in outer space as defense against nuclear attack, according to the latest Harris Survey, released today. Only 41 percent are in favor of it."

All indications are that the Harris poll is just the beginning of the anti-beam-weapons media campaign. According to the April 14 *New York Times*, one of the President's pollsters, Richard Wirthlin, is about to publish his own poll which also "discovers" that

the American population is against a space-based ABM system.

A spokesman from Louis Harris and Associates, Inc., which commissioned the Harris poll, told *EIR* that the poll, conducted during the period of April 7-10, questioned 1,250 adults nationwide.

Questions were asked in such a way as to bias people against a space-based ABM system; the proposed systems were made to appear to be too costly and a waste of money. The questions also insinuated that many scientific authorities say they would not work.

Harris and all the other major polling services—CSB *New York Times*, NBC-Gallup, and the *Washington Post*—drastically miscalculated the results of the 1980 election in which President Reagan defeated incumbent Jimmy Carter in a landslide. The pollsters attempted to lead the public to believe that Carter and Reagan were "neck and neck."

New York FBI director under investigation

Kenneth Walton, Special Agent in charge of the New York FBI, has been put under Department of Justice investigation for alleged misconduct in handling a New York interstate kidnapping on Jan. 25. Walton is being investigated by J. Thomas Ezell III of the DDJ's watchdog Office of Professional Responsibility. According to information received from Ezell and his superior, Michael Shaheen, by *EIR*'s subsidiary, *Investigative Leads* in early April, the investigation is in response to a formal complaint in February by *IL* concerning Walton's mishandling of the kidnapping of New York resident Sandy Lee Zimmerman to New Jersey by a professional ring led by Galen Kelly and Zivori "Tvsi" Killstein, a member of the Jewish Defense League (JDL). Walton had told *IL* that the interstate kidnapping "has not violated any federal statute and is a family dispute."

Galen Kelly operates an internationally

active multimillion-dollar kidnap ring—in consort with Father James LeBar of the New York Roman Catholic Archdiocese and Rabbi Maurice Davis of White Plains. Both LeBar and Davis are ostensible “deprogrammers” of cult members.

Kelly's case is currently before a Manhattan grand jury, where he and his accomplices are charged with interstate kidnapping for the abduction and attempted brainwashing of Zimmerman. This case may also bring eight previous kidnappings in New York City under investigation. Kelly was not indicted in any of these cases.

Kelly's organization operates closely with the New York Anti-Defamation League, under the protection of New York District Attorney Robert Morgenthau. Hard evidence that Zimmerman is not a member of any cult, and that Kelly's organization is staffed by actual cultists, has forced the Justice Department to investigate Walton's erroneous decision.

The New York Secretary of State has also informed *IL* he has opened an investigation of the kidnap ring to determine whether Kelly should continue to hold a state license as a private investigator.

Hayden slate loses Santa Monica

Tom Hayden's Citizens for Economic Democracy (CED) slate for city council of Santa Monica, Hayden's home base, lost the April 12 elections by a narrow margin. Santa Monica mayor and City Council member Ruth Yanatta Goldway, who ran Hayden's 1976 Senate campaign, and whose husband Derek Shearer is Hayden's ideological mentor, conceded the close election April 13.

National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC)-backed city council candidates Kevin Zondervan and Rodney Sabel had campaigned on the theme that with Tom Hayden's victory in the State Assembly in 1982, a campaign on which he spent \$2.5 million, fascism had been consolidated in Santa Monica. CED policies are drawn from those of Adolf Hitler.

Through the NDPC's campaign, the charge that Hayden's CED was officially linked to the West German Green Party—whose oldest parliamentarian, Werner Vogel, had been forced to resign his seat last month after being exposed as a Nazi—became a familiar press reference.

New semiconductor to revolutionize electronics

A team of physicists at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio has developed a process for manufacturing high purity silicon carbide semiconductors able to withstand much higher temperatures than the current commercially available semiconductors. Potential applications for this new electronics material include the nuclear industry, high-speed jet aircraft, advanced communications satellites, and deep mineral mining.

The silicon “chips” used in modern electronics are destroyed by temperatures above 600 degrees Fahrenheit. Scientists report that by using semiconductors coated with a layer of silicon carbide, electronic packages should be able to withstand temperatures as high as 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit.

This would make it possible to place computer controls and diagnostic equipment directly into harsh environments, such as nuclear power reactors, very deep mine drilling shafts, and jet engines, and obtain finer control and measurements from electronic sensors than is now possible.

Lewis physicists William Nieberding, Anthon Powell, and Herbert Will worked on an idea developed by Japanese scientist Dr. Shigihiro Nishino for a new method of depositing silicon carbide on chips. They report that this process solves the old problem of the upper layer of carbide breaking into tiny unusable pieces after being deposited on the semiconductor silicon material.

Dr. Powell stresses that the samples of silicon carbide chips that the Lewis Center scientists have produced will undergo intensive testing, a process that will undoubtedly lead to the development of many more uses.

Briefly

● **WILLIAM RUCKELSHAUS** has been identified by sources in the intelligence community in Washington, D.C. as being the “Deep Throat” who worked with Henry Kissinger and others to wreck the Nixon administration. The sources warn that Ruckelshaus is now slated, in his new position as director of the EPA, to play a similar role in the Reagan administration.

● **WALTER MONDALE**, like Hubert Humphrey, has been a paid consultant to Continental Grain Corporation, one of the companies which will profit from the administration's Payment-in-Kind farm program, in which farmers are given government surpluses not to grow crops. Large companies will be able to acquire surplus grain below price-support levels.

● **MAYOR EDWARD KOCH** of New York City, in response to the news of Harold Washington's election in Chicago, announced that he anticipates running against a black or Hispanic opponent in two years, and predicted a potential race war for New York.

● **CLAIBORNE PELL**, in a recent Senate hearing on the feasibility of President Reagan's beam weapon defense system, took quite seriously one witness's fears that a system could lead to a computer error setting off World War III. The senator commented that “an explosion in outer space of a large meteor” could also trigger these weapons. Pell then asked several witnesses a question the witness had posed: “Where does outer space begin?”

● **TED KENNEDY**, at a recent state democratic meeting in Massachusetts on hearing of the withdrawal of Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.) from the presidential nomination race, said that he was happy the senator had withdrawn. “By November, the way I figure it, someone who isn't running will have the field all to himself.”