

# National News

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## Senate confirms Mullen as FBI swallows DEA

Anti-drug fighters were disgusted by the Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation Sept. 30 of Francis "Bud" Mullen, a former assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as head of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Consolidating the FBI's control over the premier U.S. drug-fighting agency, the appointment is seen as the death knell for President Reagan's much-heralded War on Drugs.

The FBI takeover of the DEA, along with the Bureau's control over all counter-terrorist functions for the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics, brings the FBI one step closer to its goal of becoming a national police force.

Francis Mullen had previously intervened against the confirmation of the appointment of Raymond Donovan as Secretary of Labor, by knowingly withholding relevant information from the Senate, and then denied under oath that he had done so. Mullens's actions delayed Donovan's confirmation for two years.

Mullen's confirmation, despite this and investigations into potential conflicts of interest and other possible wrongdoings, has prompted law enforcement and intelligence specialists to raise the possibility that the FBI might be involved in blackmailing the Reagan administration and members of the Congress.

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## NDPC: 'Need thousands of citizen candidates'

"If you don't want to be popular with those who would commit or appease treason, then join the LaRouche slate."

These words culminate a call put out by Warren J. Hamerman, the chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee, for "patriotic citizens to launch a mass movement of citizen candidates to run for every political office in sight, on the basis of LaRouche's policies and programs as the alternative to the 'Benedict Arnold Alli-

ance' of Kissinger Republicans and Manatt-Harriman-Kirkland Democrats."

The Hamerman call came out Oct. 1, shortly after Lyndon LaRouche's Sept. 26 announcement placing his name in nomination for the Presidency of the United States.

The NDPC chairman wrote that "simultaneous with the 1984 presidential primary campaign season, tens and tens of thousands of political offices are up for re-election, beginning with the entire U.S. Congress and one-third of the U.S. Senate. . . . Politically coordinated by the NDPC, hundreds of LaRouche Democrats are already declared candidates. . . ."

"On the eve of LaRouche's presidential campaign announcement, 23, LaRouche Democrats won elections from coast to coast within a seven-day period in the very first American elections after the Russians shot down KAL 007. . . . the first signs of a revolt within the Democratic Party against Chuck Manatt and W. Averell Harriman's buttering up to Yuri Andropov. . . ."

"The LaRouche presidential campaign now forms the basis to muster a 'Political Militia' of patriots. . . . Thousands upon thousands of Americans who have no ambition for political office, and who would consider themselves a moral failure as a parent were their son to become a 'politician,' must now follow the example of LaRouche and become a candidate as part of LaRouche's Patriotic Militia.

"The concept of a mass slate of citizen candidates requires a fundamental change in the way the American political process works. People normally just passively sit around, griping, moaning and carping at how bad the 'politicians' are, and then on election day choose one of the differently marketed brands of candidates who are "sold" by special promotion men, consultants, and bozoes as if they were various brands of detergent or toothpaste. . . ."

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## Labor is target of Volcker's fake figures

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker declared Oct. 7 that American workers have to realize how low inflation really is and modify their wage demands

accordingly.

Speaking at a news conference in Hot Springs, Virginia, Volker stated, "It's important to me that wage decisions and the pricing decisions reflect what I believe is a new reality," namely, a 2.6 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index instead of the previous 5 percent rate. "I think we are entering a kind of testing period as to whether wage patterns lapse into what people think is normal during their whole working lives," the former Chase Manhattan executive said after a private session in Hot Springs with 90 chief executive officers attending the semi-annual Business Council meeting there.

Mr. Volcker is on record as declaring that Americans ought to have a lower standard of living.

At last month's International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington, D.C., Volcker was confronted by *EIR's* Kathy Burdman with the evidence that the Federal Reserve is systematically overestimating industrial output by up to 80 percent, while the Commerce Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, which compiles the Consumer Price Index, is underestimating price increases by even more. Volcker avowed that he would order an investigation.

Since 1979 Volcker has primed inflationary tendencies, by sending the cost of credit through the roof and making productivity-enhancing investment prohibitively expensive, while his shutdowns of industrial firms hiked unemployment outlays and other segments of the federal deficit—not to mention the tens of billions of dollars he added to the obligations of debtor countries.

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## The Jewish Press tries to retract slander

New York City's *The Jewish Press* newspaper printed the following during the first week of October, under the headline "Clarification":

"In an article in *The Jewish Press* last week on page 2, Fern Rosenblatt, national director of the Jewish Defense League, said her group has conducted an investigation into the shootings at Yeshiva University and believes that Lyndon LaRouche, head of the now-defunct U.S. Labor Party, is connected

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to the shootings. Miss Rosenblatt now reports that she no longer believes that LaRouche or his organization is connected to the shootings. Law enforcement sources confirmed to *The Jewish Press* that there is no evidence that LaRouche, whose followers are active in Washington Heights, is involved in the shootings.

The Jewish Press regrets this misunderstanding."

The day after *The Jewish Press* slander came out, a death threat was received at *EIR*'s offices. Sources report that many JDL leaders are presently in New York planning new actions against LaRouche and his associates in the International Caucus of Labor Committees.

### 'Soviet Realities' aimed at Seattle

It is equally respectable these days to be a radical lesbian, chairman of the board, admiral, communist, or college professor. Combining all of these qualities would overqualify an individual as a leader in the American peace movement.

One such group of respectable Americans is determined to bring "Soviet Realities" to Seattle Oct. 29-Nov. 9. That is the name of a peace festival planned for the city, which will include hundreds of group sessions on various aspects of "How I Learned to Keep Worrying and Fear the Bomb But Love the Soviets."

The affair is sponsored by Target Seattle, a group organized in 1982 with the assistance of Betty Bumpers, the wife of Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.). Betty is also head of Peace Links, an organization that includes over 50 congressional wives. Sen. Jeremiah Denton (R-Ala.) noted in a speech on the Senate floor this spring that one of its advisory organizations, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), has been designated as a Soviet front even by the U.S. State Department.

WILPF is also a cosponsor of Target Seattle, and the wives of six members of Target Seattle's advisory committee—Senators Slade Gorton and Dan Evans and Congressmen Al Swift, Don Bonker, Norman Dicks, and Mike Lowry—are all members

of Peace Links.

Peace Links leader Betty Bumpers toured the Northwest this spring with Simone Wilkinson, a leader of the Greenham Common women's encampment in Britain that served as the model for the series of lesbian-dominated encampments targeting U.S. defense research and military installations around the country this year.

Target Seattle has confirmed that a Soviet delegation will participate in "Soviet Realities," and has released a list of American speakers, excerpted here:

Admiral Gene Larocque of the Center for Defense Information; Richard Barnet of the Institute for Policy Studies; Dr. Murry Feschbach, Center for Population Research; Adm. Noel Gaynor; Midge Decter of the Committee for the Free World; Ambassador Max Kampelman; Richard Burt of the Department of Defense; James S. Munn, a Seattle attorney and chairman of the state 1980 Reagan campaign; Donald Kendall of PepsiCo and the Council for Initiatives on East-West Trade.

### On deathbed, Cooke denounced euthanasia

Shortly before he died on Oct. 6, Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York, who was the head of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities in the United States, issued a blast against the "disastrous" practices of "abortion, euthanasia, and infanticide." Cardinal Cooke's is the strongest recent statement from the Church on the subject.

"We are made in God's image and likeness, and this fact gives a unique dimension to 'the gift of life,' the Cardinal noted. "We have even more reason to be grateful. It is tragic that in our time, concepts which are disastrous to the well-being of God's human family—abortion, euthanasia, and infanticide—are falsely presented as useful and even respectable solutions to human, family, and social problems."

Cardinal Cooke emphasized that "the 'gift of life,' God's special gift, is no less beautiful when it is accompanied by illness or weakness, hunger or poverty, mental or physical handicaps, loneliness or old age."

● **EDWARD ROWNY**, who is negotiating for the United States in the START talks, thinks the Reagan arms "build-down" policy is "absurd," we are told.

● **AVERELL HARRIMAN**, Paul Volcker, and Henry Kissinger should defect "because they, above all other Americans, are defective," declares a poster put out by Boston mayoral candidate Michael Gelber.

● **HARVARD** hosted a conference of over 400 politicians in late September which said the Federal Election Commission should not guarantee inclusion of the so-called minor candidates in televised election debates. At the same affair, which was co-sponsored by ABC, Jimmy Carter endorsed same-day voter registration.

● **CONGRESS** was told by Erhard Eppler on Oct. 5 that the current problem with the United States negotiations over the Soviet SS-20s in Europe is that the SS-20s "pressure Europe," but cannot pressure the United States. The West German SPD Executive Council member and leader of the German Protestant Church also proposed, via a "nuclear-free" zone, giving the Soviets a virtual monopoly on nuclear weapons in Europe. The occasion was a Capitol Hill forum sponsored by Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.), the Nuclear Freeze Campaign, and others.

● **DR. JOHN H. NUCKOLLS**, of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and one of America's leading pioneers in laser inertial confinement fusion research, called for a crash program to develop commercial fusion energy in his presentation to the European Laser-Matter Interaction Conference held in London, England the week of Oct. 2-9. In his report Dr. Nuckolls demonstrated that "It is apparently possible to reduce inertial fusion electrical costs to half those of fission and coal."