

National News

Eagleburger gets his payoff from Carrington

Lawrence Eagleburger, the former U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs who was one of the first vocal advocates earlier this year of the United States' withdrawing troops from Europe, was named May 31 as the new president of Kissinger Associates. This is Henry Kissinger's consulting firm, which includes soon-to-be secretary general of NATO, Peter, Lord Carrington, on its prominent board of directors.

Kissinger Associates has also brought onto its board the former Nixon-Ford era Secretary of the Treasury and former Salomon Brothers investment banker, William Simon. The "consulting firm" has served as a vehicle for Henry Kissinger and his buddies to make rich kickbacks from their political friends in various parts of the globe. In Ibero-America, they have used their influence over U.S. government policies to coordinate financial and political warfare in these regions.

Administration admits losing war on drugs

Retired Adm. Daniel Murphy, the coordinator of the Reagan administration's anti-drug campaign, has admitted that the program has failed to "reduce the flow of drugs to a trickle," his vow of two years ago. "I don't see where we are winning the war on cocaine," he told the *Miami Herald*.

Rear Adm. Daniel Thompson, coordinator of the Miami Task Force, also acknowledged little progress. "Perhaps there were expectations that we would dry up the supply of drugs on the streets. But if the community expected to rid themselves of drug trafficking or get drugs out of the schools, I'm sorry they were disappointed." Cocaine, he said, is being smuggled into the country "in a more devious manner," and only 3% of drug flights into the U.S.A. are

being intercepted, including a relatively small percentage flying into Florida, with the highest concentration of radar and intercept aircraft in the nation.

As *EIR* commented at the time of the "war on drugs" announcement by the White House, "respectable" international bankers and the International Monetary Fund were encouraging drug production and export by Ibero-American countries in particular, as a means of their earning foreign exchange to service foreign debt.

The Reagan administration's support for the IMF, and toleration otherwise of the usury policies toward Ibero-America by the American banking community, has undermined the war on drugs.

Revolutionary optics speed laser successes

"The whole picture is coming together for solving the problem of beam propagation into space with high power and accuracy," said a U.S. laser scientist May 30, referring to breakthroughs in the beam-weapons program, despite under-funding and political attacks on its objectives.

Several science magazines lately have published sparse accounts of revolutionary optical refocusing devices solving the "impossible" problem of propagating high power beams up through the atmosphere, accurately and in focus. The various methods all involve making gases, liquids, electrostatic ion clouds, or plasmas act as optical elements—lenses or mirrors—through interaction with the laser or particle beam. These methods are closely related to the phenomenon of "tunneling" of electron beams through atmospheric plasmas: the medium and the beam become a single system of energy densification to perform work.

In addition, these methods involve the propagation of the effects of electromagnetic radiation—laser light—at the speed of sound through such refocusing lenses. In mid-1983, *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche made the unconventional assertion that sound

waves were a form of electromagnetic propagation.

One journal has asserted that these methods of "non-linear adaptive optics" already offer the prospect of precise, focused propagation of high power lasers for 60 miles through the atmosphere—beams which additionally stay "locked on" their moving target from the instant that any part of the beam is reflected from the target back to the beam weapon's mirror.

Federal strike force goes after Presser

The Justice Department has been asked by a federal strike force to approve prosecution of Jackie Presser, elected president of the Teamsters Union in April 1983. The federal strike force in Cleveland says Presser defrauded his local there of \$250,000 in salaries for fictitious workers. Presser is still secretary-treasurer of Cleveland local 507.

Presser is one of President Reagan's most powerful backers in the labor movement. He has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing in connection with union activities.

His predecessor, Roy L. Williams, resigned after being convicted of trying to bribe Sen. Howard Cannon, in connection with the Teamsters' campaign against deregulation of the trucking industry. Deregulation has virtually destroyed the industry, throwing thousands of drivers out of work, bankrupting many trucking firms.

The union remains virtually the only "organizing force" for the U.S. road transportation industry; the union's continued existence is clearly viewed as a roadblock to the "post-industrial" policies dominant in Washington.

'Crisis-manager' says Reagan brainwashed

At the just-concluded American Association for the Advancement of Science con-

ference in New York (see National Lead), Dr. Richard Beal, National Security Council Presidential Assistant for Crisis Management, claimed April 29 that the United States lacks any coherent national security plan. President Reagan has been induced to believe that no strategic crisis exists, and to believe that his own statements constitute the greatest threat to peace.

Asked how the administration "crisis-managers" would react to a Soviet confrontation under conditions in which the President is denying the danger of war, Beal answered: "We have to differentiate between Soviet words and deeds. I can't imagine what an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation would look like these days. They are doing nothing out of the ordinary that would make us nervous. As the articulator of policy, the President does not want to exacerbate the situation by raising the temperature on the level of deeds. The President has been made well aware of the danger of the rhetoric in many of his statements. This awareness has been heightened by the election campaign. He doesn't want to exacerbate the situation by giving credence to Soviet attempts to exacerbate the situation, by making Soviet words become deeds through his rhetoric."

Reagan 'absolutely' rules out decoupling

Interviewed in the June 2 edition of the West German conservative daily, *Die Welt*, President Ronald Reagan ruled out that the United States might ever decouple from Europe. In another interview on June 1 with Indro Montanelli, editor of the Italian paper *Il Giornale Nuovo*, Mr. Reagan reaffirmed that development of new ABM technologies is among the main tasks of his administration.

The statements, given on the eve of Reagan's departure to Ireland and the World Economic Summit in London, signal resistance to the Kissinger-Carrington tendency in the Alliance, which is dead set against beam weapons and advocates decoupling.

Following rather weak and evasive statements on the state of the U.S. and world

economy, Reagan told *Die Welt*: "It can absolutely be ruled out that America cuts its ties to Western Europe, or weakens its obligations to its NATO allies. Europeans and Americans are bound together forever."

To Montanelli's question, "What can we do to decrease fear of nuclear war in the world?" the U.S. President said: ". . . I hope that someday we will reach the moment when nuclear weapons will be obsolete. As you know, I have ordered, consistent with our obligations in the alliance, research and development on the technology to be used for defense against ballistic missiles. On this program we will hold close consultations with our allies."

Beam program bent out of shape, say experts

The U.S. beam-weapons program is being distorted by pressure from the "arms control" lobby and the White House's capitulation to this, U.S. laser experts report.

First, more contracts are being issued, spending more money, on the study of measures to counter beam weapons, than on the development of beam weapons themselves. Second, the contracts being offered are for modelling the behavior of beam weapons systems, developing computer codes, data bases, etc.—not for actually building beam weapons.

Two explanations are possible, both showing political "bending" of the program. Either the program is being "hedged" to anticipate that the Soviets will break out with beam-weapon anti-missile capabilities before the United States does, requiring the United States to both catch up and develop countermeasures for its missile force; or, all of the actual "hardware" work developing high-power beam weapons is being kept in the national laboratories for national security/secretcy reasons.

But according to one source, "The DOD is trying to get down to doing it without really doing it, because the political constraints are not to really do it in the near term."

Briefly

● **MOTHER JONES**, a monthly edited by former anti-Vietnam War radicals, devoted the cover story of its May issue to defending McGeorge Bundy from Lyndon LaRouche's National Democratic Policy Committee. According to *Mother Jones*, Bundy remained "cool, self-assured and purposeful" at a San Francisco event after a LaRouche follower "leveled a series of politically eclectic charges against [Bundy], from selling out the country by opposing President Reagan's 'Star Wars' proposal to committing genocide in Vietnam."

● **HOMOSEXUALS** are being blamed for two bomb threats to a nursing home in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Authorities have linked the incidents to seven bombs in Minnesota and six in Wisconsin claimed by an organization calling itself the "North Central Gay Strike Force."

● **HEALTH OFFICIALS** in Miami say that as the quality of cocaine has gone up and the price has gone down on street sales of the illegal drug, more people are being admitted to hospital emergency rooms suffering from severe cocaine reactions. The number of such admissions in the Miami area has tripled in the last two years, from 71 in 1982 to 115 in the first three months of 1983, to 214 from January through March 1984.

● **NASA** has announced that two more space shuttle missions have been dropped from the schedule for launches this year. The cancellations leave five flights through December by the shuttle craft *Discovery* and *Challenger*. A *Spacelab* mission scheduled for November has also now been delayed to 1985.

● **THE GAY** and Lesbian Rights Organization has called on Walter Mondale and Gary Hart to take homosexual affairs more seriously during the campaign, according to UPI.