

# National News

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## Senate probes Justice Department and Presser

The Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee (SPIS) has launched a probe into why the Department of Justice dropped prosecution of International Brotherhood of Teamsters President Jackie Presser, according to an article in the Aug. 4 *Chicago Tribune*.

The political targets of the investigation are both Attorney General Edwin Meese and the Teamsters Union itself—no friends of the SPIS and Justice Department liberals.

Doesn't Ed Meese realize that Presser is connected to organized crime? Presser did work for the corrupt FBI for more than a decade. He doesn't deny helping the FBI "put away" his predecessor, Roy Williams, in order to take over the leadership of the Teamsters. What about Jimmy Hoffa? Did he help put him away too?

Two weeks before the investigation was launched, D. Lowell Jensen, Deputy Attorney General, and Stephen Trott, chief of the Criminal Division, dropped prosecution of Presser for alleged wrongdoing in the Cleveland Teamsters local, where he was working for the FBI as an informant.

SPIS is expected to focus on whether the FBI violated guidelines in promising Presser immunity as an informant, and whether the FBI cooperated adequately with Justice and Labor Department probes.

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## Aspen Institute's Gardner salutes Volcker

The former U.S. ambassador to Italy, Richard Gardner, told a gathering of the World Futures Society Aug. 7 in Washington, D.C., that "no one has addressed the deficit crisis with greater clarity than that great man, Paul Volcker. Thank God for Paul."

Gardner is a close associate of Henry Kissinger, and was heavily implicated in the famous Italian "Propaganda-2" masonic conspiracy which was uncovered in 1982.

He is co-director of the Aspen Institute's "World Governance Project," which will meet in Aspen, Colorado at the end of August.

Gardner told *EIR* that he is already working on a Mario Cuomo-for-President drive, since Cuomo is "the only man who understands the kind of crises facing this country and the world." Gardner said he was waiting for a new Democratic administration in order to implement the Aspen Institute's proposal to increase the role of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

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## LaRouche candidates announce campaigns

During the first week of August, dozens of candidates for public office, endorsed by the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), have announced in four states, bringing the total number of NDPC-backed campaigns to over 500. The NDPC is the political action committee within the Democratic Party that is associated with leading economist and former Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche.

In Maryland, Washington, Texas, and Oklahoma, candidates for national, state, and local office are holding press conferences and other events to dramatize their announcements, linking their candidacies to the NDPC's campaign against the deindustrialization policies of the International Monetary Fund, and in support of military and economic development policies comparable to the gear-up of the U.S. industrial economy for World War II.

Nine candidates launched their campaigns in Maryland. The slate is headed by Mark Nafziger, Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress in the 3rd Congressional District, against pro-Moscow incumbent Barbara Mikulski; 38 candidates backed by the NDPC filed in Washington State for this fall's municipal elections, and Clyde Riddle, a Republican Party activist from Dallas, announced he will run in the GOP primary election against freshman Congressman Dick Arme. In a statement covered by KRLD

radio and the *Dallas Times Herald*, Riddle cited evidence of the Soviet drive for war reported in the new *EIR* Special Report, "Global Showdown: The Russian Imperial War Plan for 1988," and called for a military buildup.

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## Will McFarlane be the next to go?

Rumors are circulating in Washington that National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane may be kicked upstairs. According to the gossip columns, McFarlane is interested in being named ambassador to Japan, replacing Mike Mansfield, who wants to step down. "Mr. McFarlane is understood to have had territorial brushes lately with both Secretary of State George Shultz and the White House chief of staff Don Regan, which may or may not explain his interest in a new assignment," the *New York Times* notes.

The *Washington Times* reports that Donald Regan is said to be boning up on national security issues, and now insists on sitting in on meetings between McFarlane and the President. "Many of the senators believe that McFarlane is a 'clone' of Secretary of State George Shultz," the article notes. "As a result, they say, President Reagan hasn't been getting enough different options, and especially not enough 'hard-line' options on such matters as arms control, South African policy and defense spending."

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## Cap Weinberger: MX issue is not dead

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger told reporters on Aug. 8 that 100 MX missiles is the absolute minimum needed to counter the Soviet military build-up. He indicated that to this end, the administration might seek supplemental funds for the Pentagon this year.

Weinberger flatly rejected the congressionally-imposed cap of 50 MXs. The MX is not dead, he said. "Fifty is not

enough. . . . I'm hopeful that one way or another . . . Congress will accept the fact that we need more than 50 MXs to accomplish the deterrence we have to have." On the question of obtaining supplemental funds, Weinberger said "I'm not ruling it in and I'm not ruling it out," but "one way or another, amounts the President thinks required [for defense] will be before the Congress."

Concerning the attacks against the Strategic Defense Initiative, the Defense Secretary declared his opposition to any moves to halt SDI research, in exchange for what he called "any kind of chimerical pledge" by the Soviets to reduce offensive weapons. He also dismissed opposition by university physicists to the SDI. "The fact that some people who play with computers say they don't think it can be done, is not nearly as of much concern to me as it would be if Congress or somebody said you must stop all work on it," said Weinberger, referring to an anti-SDI petition circulating on U.S. campuses. "A lot of the opposition . . . is also on ideological grounds, because I don't have really very much doubt that we can do this. . . . There will be a lot of people who will say you can't do it . . . because they don't want to do it."

## Evangelist Robertson to run for President?

TV evangelist Pat Robertson met with Virginia Republican leaders last week to discuss his possible candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination. State GOP chairman Donald Huffman said that Robertson could "be to the Republicans what the Reverend Jesse Jackson was to the Democratic Party in '84—a candidate from outside the party's mainstream, who is able to excite and command the allegiance of a small, but hard-working group of activists."

Robertson is one of the key figures in the gnostic-influenced fundamentalist movement. He runs the Virginia-based Christian Broadcasting Network, which has radio and TV stations throughout the world, including in Lebanon. He is connected with the inter-

national cult networks attempting to spark a religious war over the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, and maintains close ties with the "Aquarian Conspiracy" in the United States, which includes Jeremy Rifkin and Barbara Marx Hubbard.

## Patriots in U.S. support Peru's García

The offices of Peruvian President Alan García have been deluged with telegrams and statements of support from the United States. Taking only two examples of the national pattern, in Seattle, 32 state legislators attending the National Conference of State Legislators in Seattle have signed a statement of support for García's defiance of the International Monetary Fund. In Montgomery, Alabama, a delegation of the National Democratic Policy Committee intervened into a meeting of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the leading black civil rights organization in the South, moving over 40 delegates to sign a resolution supporting President García.

The Schiller Institute has launched an international mobilization in support of García, and in Peru, this received prominent press coverage. One of Peru's major TV networks, Panamericana and America, reported in the Aug. 3 evening news: "Workers all over the continent mobilized on the Schiller Institute's call to support the measures announced by President Alan García. The Institute has also mobilized an important sector of the Democratic Party of the United States, which is sending telegrams supporting the president and it is generating a mobilization of the North American people."

*El Peruano*, the Peruvian government's daily register, published copies of the telegrams received, noting that "the Schiller Institute has promoted the document 'Operation Juarez,' prepared by the head of the National Democratic Policy Committee Lyndon LaRouche. The document, born as a result of the invasion of the Malvinas, seeks economic and physical solutions to the problems of the American continent."

## Briefly

● A "GAY RIGHTS" BILL has been introduced to the Senate by Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), John Kerry (D-Mass.), Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), and Dan Inouye (D-Ha.). Titled "The Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1985," the bill would make it illegal to discriminate against persons for "male or female homosexuality, heterosexuality, or bisexuality."

● THE AIR FORCE is examining a proposal to replace the U.S. strategic nuclear arsenal with non-nuclear strategic weapons. A recent report prepared by the RAND Corporation claims that non-nuclear strategic weapons would have "profound" implications, and would make the American defense commitment to Western Europe more credible, since they, rather than nuclear weapons, could be used in the event of a Soviet attack. One advocate of this scheme is Carl Builder, a consultant to the International Institute of Strategic Studies in London, who claims they could remove the "shadow of Hiroshima" from the world.

● AFL-CIO PRESIDENT Lane Kirkland lost his composure at a Chicago picket line Aug. 7, after trying to pull off a mass rally in support of the *Chicago Tribune* production workers' strike. Ten Democratic candidates tried to join the picket line, carrying signs reading "Kirkland, are you for the IMF or for Garcia and Peru?" Kirkland sputtered: "F--- you, F--- you, you little s---, get out of my face."

● FLORIDA GOVERNOR Bob Graham failed to grant clemency to "mercy murderer" Roswell Gilbert, whose appeal he heard on Aug 8. Gilbert, a 75-year-old retired engineer, shot his wife of 51 years, allegedly to alleviate the pain she suffered due to osteoporosis and Alzheimer's Disease. Gilbert was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to 25 years in prison.