

# National News

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## Hawkins hearings on child porn racket

Senator Paula Hawkins (R-Fla.) chaired hearings of the Senate Subcommittee on Children, Family, Drugs and Alcohol on child abuse and pornography in the first week of October. Much information concerning missing children came out.

A *Life* magazine researcher testified about a film she had researched documenting pimps, pornographers, and pedophiles who prey upon the 1 to 4 million runaway and "fadeaway" children annually.

Also testifying was Tom Patena of the Youth Crisis Center in Jacksonville, Florida, who stressed that "those who prey on children are organized, like NAMBLA. They use computer shopping lists of children by sex, race, hair, and eye color."

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## North Atlantic group to debate SDI

An in-depth debate on the SDI will be the main theme of the next, week-long meeting of the North Atlantic Assembly, in San Francisco, California, Oct. 10-16, a British parliamentarian told *EIR*.

During those meetings, he said, 300 parliamentarians from various NATO countries, including an 18-member delegation from Great Britain, will be congregating at the St. Francis Hotel, to debate "all aspects of the SDI."

The North Atlantic Assembly is the parliamentary body comprising the NATO nations.

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## Peru, U.S. in drug-war talks

Peru will discuss that nation's war on drugs, the most effective in the world, with White House drug affairs advisor Carlton Turner. The principal topic will be whether the United States is going to provide serious amounts

of aid to Peru, which in the space of the month of August shut down one-third of all cocaine shipments into the United States.

Peruvian Vice-Minister of the Interior Augustín Mantilla announced the talks Oct. 2.

Mantilla is scheduled to accompany Turner on a trip through the Alto Huallaga region, showing him clandestine airports and the U.S.-supported coca bush substitution program. Mantilla said the war on drugs will continue "inflexibly," despite the death threats he and others had received.

Administration officials, when pressed, have pledged support for Peru's efforts, but so far, not only has no material help been given, but the State Department has cut off other forms of U.S. aid on various pretexts.

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## Senators to release defense report

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) and Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) announced release of a report in the week of Oct. 7 focusing on the deficiencies in U.S. defense organization.

The two senators addressed the Senate Oct. 1 with some previews of the report's content. Goldwater warned that serious problems in the U.S. military and in Congress, especially the budget process, could bring the U.S. a defeat in the event of war:

"If we have to fight tomorrow, these problems will cause Americans to die unnecessarily. Even more, they may cause us to lose the fight. You will be shocked at the serious deficiencies in the organization and procedures of the DOD and the Congress."

Goldwater was especially critical of the budget process: "Congress is compounding the problems in the DOD and major changes . . . are long overdue."

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## Teller calls on West to unite behind SDI

Edward Teller, a scientific adviser to President Reagan, told the audience at a seminar on the Strategic Defense Initiative in Tel Aviv in early September that the Soviet

Union is ahead of the United States in defense strategy. He called on the Western democracies, including Israel, to unite in an effort to catch up.

"The SDI should rightly be called a Strategic Defense Response," said Teller, "because the Soviets have a defense monopoly that they want to keep. . . . A joint effort by the U.S. and its allies will establish a defense sooner and strengthen the alliance among free peoples; and this is just as important as defense itself."

Teller also emphasized the technological spinoffs of SDI.

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## Malaria vaccine in 5 to 10 years

"A malaria vaccine will be on the market in 5 to 10 years," says a congressional Office of Technology Assessment report, which also reports:

"Life expectancy at birth is nearly 20 years shorter in the developing regions. . . . Several hundred million people are infected with . . . parasitic diseases. Explosive growth in recombinant DNA techniques and . . . the ability to harness and manipulate genetic material have given a boost to the study of tropical diseases."

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## Admiral Crowe praised by Senator Nunn

The incoming chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. William J. Crowe, was praised by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) as "the right man in the right place at the right time" during Crowe's confirmation hearings. Nunn is notorious for the amendment named after him to withdraw U.S. troops from Europe.

Crowe will be in a position to make major decisions on SDI, arms control, defense budget cuts and restructuring of military doctrine, terrorism, U.S. bases in the Philippines, etc., and would be given much strengthened powers by a bill pending in the House Armed Services Committee. The bill would give him direct authority over the joint staff, and make him a direct line of

command from the President and Defense Secretary, rather than through the services.

Crowe rejected Rickover's nuclear navy, and rose through the ranks by the academic and policy track.

"I do not consider the balance deteriorating [with the Soviets]. It is improving in my region," he said last summer of the Pacific.

## New basing mode for MX missile?

A new basing mode for the MX Peacekeeper missile is being studied by the Department of Defense. It entails fitting the missiles with armored suits and hiding them among a large number of underground silos.

Senator Pete Wilson (R-Calif.) said the so-called "Carry Hard" plan is potentially superior to previous MX basing proposals.

A preliminary estimate shows that the plan could create a 2-to-1 advantage for the United States in the event of a Soviet attack. If proven feasible, the plan would mean the United States could circumvent the congressionally imposed limit of 50 MXs in the current basing mode.

## ACLU: 'Sex more important than life'

The American Civil Liberties Union, already notorious for claiming that the AIDS virus has "civil rights" in terms of employment, housing, etc., has taken an astounding step farther.

The ACLU now argues that it is rational to value sex above human life, and to deliberately infect others with the killer AIDS virus.

Bruce V. Griffiths, legal director for the Houston chapter of the ACLU, commenting on the rights of an AIDS victim to engage in sex, said: "That's not irrational. He values his sexual pleasure above other people's lives. If you wanted to use the same rationale, you could imprison everyone who has herpes and has sex."

Griffiths was upset with Houston health

director James Haughton's plan to use the mental health code to remove male-prostitute AIDS-spreader Fabian Bridges from the streets by declaring him mentally incompetent. Bridges has since "voluntarily" checked into Ben Taub county hospital for treatment, after being given the option of going to Ben Taub or to jail, for urinating in public.

Bridges had stated that he would deliberately continue to engage in sex, because after his diagnosis for AIDS, he had "nothing to lose."

## 'Pizza connection' on trial in New York

U.S. District Court Judge Pierre Leval has ordered an anonymous jury selected for the "Pizza Connection" heroin trafficking trial in New York City. The order was announced as part of the security measures taken to protect the jury from mafia threats and intimidation. Jury selection for the "Pizza Connection" and another major case against the mafia began Sept. 30.

There are 23 defendants in the case, including Gaetano Badalamenti, the reputed head of the ring who was extradited from Madrid, Spain; and Salvatore Catalan, reputed underboss of New York's Bonanno organized-crime family.

It is expected that Tommaso Buscetta, a leader of the Sicilian mafia who turned informant, will testify against the defendants, who used pizza parlors across the United States as fronts for importing \$1.65 billion worth of heroin into the country.

In the second trial, Paul Castellano, head of the Gambino organized-crime family and alleged "boss of bosses," is charged, along with several leading associates, with running an international car theft, loan-sharking, and prostitution ring that was also responsible for the murder of 23 people.

U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani heads the prosecution's strategy, which will reportedly climax next March when Giuliani will personally attempt to try the leaders of the New York/New Jersey "Five Families" for their participation in the "commissioning" of a governing body that oversees organized crime for the mafia in the United States.

## Briefly

● **GEORGE SHULTZ** received the Hans Morgenthau Memorial Award for "outstanding contributions to the theory and practice of American foreign policy" in New York on Oct. 3. The nature of the award is revealed by the fact that it was presented by Henry Kissinger, a former recipient of the award.

● **MICHAEL DUKAKIS**, governor of Massachusetts, wants a war on drugs armed with billboards, police enforcement, and education from kindergarten on up. A survey of 5,000 students in 73 schools shows that 60% used drugs at least once and 28% used them before age 13. Also 50% used pot, 20% used cocaine, and 33.3% still use dope. The schools have adopted the standard method of having ex-addicts talk to the kids.

● **NANCY REAGAN** will take part in a new "anti-drug" rock video tape called "Stop the Madness," which will premiere in Los Angeles on Oct. 26 at the Entertainment Industries Council dinner in Mrs. Reagan's honor. The song, in which Nancy sings in the chorus, will also be made into a record.

● **DEFENSE** Secretary Weinberger has won a fight with the White House staff by announcing that chief Pentagon lobbyist Russell A. Rourke will be nominated to be the new Air Force Secretary. The White House staff—presumably with the backing of its chief, Don Regan—had tried to get Alton Keel of the Office of Management and Budget appointed to the post. Keel has been a rabid defense budget-cutter.

● **DEMOCRATIC PARTY** debt to banks is now \$2.4 million, with \$250,000 cash in hand. The Democratic Party has been forced to pay a \$600,000 debt of the Carter campaign. The latest payment involved \$238,000 to the pollster Pat Caddell, left over from the Carter campaign, and \$350,000 in other Carter campaign-related expenses. The DNC had denied it was liable for these debts, but after protracted dealings with the FEC, it was forced to pay.