

# National News

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## Kissinger blames Japan for U.S. collapse

Henry Kissinger has threatened Japan with trade war and "retaliation" unless it agrees to his schemes to bail out the bankrupt New York banks. In his syndicated column published early in October, entitled "Economic Collision Course," Kissinger blames Japan for the industrial decline of the United States, and calls for Tokyo to "serve both the world and its national interest by supporting generously multilateral institutions devoted to global economic growth." This is a euphemism for the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, institutions which have nothing to do with "growth," but whose austerity conditionalities have deprived the Third World of any capacity for development.

Kissinger writes: "Japan and the U.S. are on a collision course even while protesting the importance of their friendship. . . . Japan cannot go on hiding behind its opaque decision-making process. The strategy of wearing America down will sooner or later make retaliation inevitable. . . . No nation will permit another to deindustrialize it without seeking to arrest the process. . . . It would be far preferable to tackle the issue frontally, to seek to alter the Japanese consensus rather than to tilt against its manifestations."

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## New York Post slams the AIDS lobby

"Government has no business keeping bathhouses in business," editorialized the *New York Post* on Oct. 11, concerning the recommendation of a task force set up by Gov. Mario Cuomo, which called for the government to keep "gay" bathhouses safe from AIDS by providing free condoms, lubricants, and towels.

"Governor Cuomo should pick up the report on New York's homosexual bathhouses from his AIDS advisory council with

a pair of sterilized tongs and drop it into a burn-bag. It could spread the AIDS virus more readily than contaminated blood. . . . Those bathhouses must be closed. Today."

The previous day, the *Post* had called for the Republican Party to support GOP mayoral candidate Diane McGrath, an outspoken opponent of the New York "AIDS lobby." McGrath's request for \$375,000 in campaign funds was refused by the regional political director of the Republican National Committee.

"Now's the time for the GOP to come to the aid of McGrath," whose "lonely battle deserves more support than it's getting from the party that asked her to bear its standard." She's running against popular Mayor Edward Koch, the state GOP has ignored her appeals for financial help, and now city Republicans "high and low abandon her and endorse Koch."

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## Federal court to decide fate of William Weld

While the U.S. Justice Department claimed it found "no merit" in allegations that Boston-based U.S. Attorney William Weld has violated the Ethics in Government Act, a federal court case is still pending in Washington, D.C., to determine whether the Justice Department should be required to fire Weld.

In a complaint filed with the DoJ's Public Integrity Section in April 1985, Campaigner Publications charged that Weld, a Boston blueblood, was violating government ethics by covering up the drug-money-laundering crimes of the Bank of Boston, and by launching a grand-jury witchhunt into political associates of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., whose writings are published by Campaigner. The complaint against Weld included evidence that he had received campaign contributions from officers of the Bank of Boston, which may have led him to negotiate a plea bargain for the bank on very liberal terms.

Attorneys for Campaigner Publications filed a mandamus action in September to

force Attorney General Ed Meese to remove Weld from the investigation of Campaigner Publications and The LaRouche Campaign in Boston. The Justice Department has 60 days from the date of filing to reply.

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## 'Adult' book store closed in New Jersey

Health authorities in Denville, New Jersey, have closed an adult book store which was known as a "haven for homosexual activity" and posed an immediate threat to public safety. Authorities, who invoked public health statutes to close down the porn shop, described the move as the first action of its kind in the state.

Police Chief Howard Shaw said the Health Department had been alerted to the possibility of a problem at the bookstore in August when undercover detectives were sent to investigate. During the investigation, it was found that booths in the store were "literally covered with wet and dried semen" that could contain the virus that causes AIDS. Police and health officials wore rubber boots and surgical gloves when they entered the store.

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## Air Force: U.S. won't 'decouple' from Europe

Tidal W. McCloy, secretary of the U.S. Air Force, told the West German daily *Die Welt* that the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative will not lead to decoupling the United States from its allies in Europe, as some critics of the SDI have charged. "I cannot imagine any circumstances under which we would withdraw larger contingents of U.S. forces from Europe."

He denied that any politician in the United States would support such a policy. Even critical voices who attack the current dimensions of the American engagement in Europe, are convinced that Europe must be defended "at any cost." A withdrawal of

American troops would only become thinkable, he said, if West Germany left NATO or the military organization of NATO.

McCloy did not explain how Europe could be defended "at any cost" if the demands of Henry Kissinger, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), et al. for a U.S. troop withdrawal were implemented.

## Congress told: Drop Marcos

The United States should drop Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, representatives of the CIA and the Defense Intelligence Agency told the House Intelligence Committee on Oct. 9, according to a report in the London *Daily Telegraph*. "Catastrophe was looming," unless Marcos stepped aside, the Committee was told.

Representative Dave McCurdy (D-Okla.), spokesman of the anti-Japanese protectionist start distancing itself from Marcos "to protect U.S. interests in the Philippines. . . . The United States must broaden its base of support and not be aligned narrowly with Marcos. We don't want to be in a position of having to choose between a tyrannical despot versus a gun-toting Marxist," he said. He revealed that the CIA and DIA displayed a "rare" agreement on this point.

## LaRouche vs. NBC goes to appeal

"You might as well get rid of the libel laws," attorneys for Lyndon LaRouche told a federal appeals court in Richmond, Virginia, on Oct. 8, if NBC's right to rely on "confidential sources" is upheld by the courts. If the media can refuse to disclose their sources, but then use such secret testimony as the basis for charges such as those they have made about LaRouche, then a public figure who has been libeled cannot attack either the credibility or even the existence of such

peculiar "sources."

LaRouche is appealing Judge James C. Cacheris' ruling on NBC's confidential sources from the October 1984 trial of LaRouche v. NBC. The libel suit concerned NBC's Jan. 30, 1984 "Nightly News" and March 4, 1984 "First Camera" broadcasts in which LaRouche was characterized, among other things, as an anti-Semite and, by innuendo, as sympathetic to Nazi causes.

NBC was represented at the hearing at the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals by Floyd Abrams, considered a top "First Amendment" lawyer who has frequently represented the *New York Times*, among other clients. His arguments were surprisingly weak, particularly around the issue of whether NBC should have been allowed to rely on its secret sources at trial; he concentrated a good part of his oral argument on defending NBC's counterclaim judgment against LaRouche, claiming that LaRouche's entire suit constituted "harassment" of NBC.

It will be weeks, probably months, before a ruling is issued from the Appeals Court. Whatever the ruling on the "confidential source" issue, it will undoubtedly be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, because of its precedent-setting importance as a constitutional issue.

## Doctor charges AIDS research cover up

Dr. John Beldekas of Boston University says the U.S. Agriculture Department has been stalling his AIDS research. Jack Anderson reported in his syndicated column on Oct. 7 that Dr. Beldekas was ordered not to talk about his research for "national security" reasons, even though the department has been leaking details. His work may identify a link between African Swine Fever and AIDS.

The publication of these reports reportedly resulted in threats to Dr. Beldekas from the pork industry. Referring apparently to the Atlanta CDC, Dr. Beldekas said, "They treat you like you're crazy. That's not the way to do science. Human life is at stake!"

## Briefly

● **WORLD BANK** head A. W. Clausen will step down, making way to bring Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker in as head of what is rumored to become a vastly more powerful World Bank. Clausen said in Seoul on Oct. 8 that he will resign in June 1986, when his term ends. His announcement apparently was a last-minute deviation from his prepared speech, and it drew a standing ovation from delegates, led by Paul Volcker.

● **THE HOUSTON POST** got the following responses to a telephone call-in poll on the question of quarantining people for AIDS: (total responses, 2,855): 1,525, or 53.4%, favored giving public health officials the authority to quarantine; 1,330, or 46.6%, opposed quarantining. Readers were asked to call in to the special Listening Post number, where a "yes" or "no" response would be tabulated.

● **MAUREEN REAGAN**, daughter of the President, was expected to be on the "Achille Lauro," the Italian cruise ship hijacked by terrorists on Oct. 7, reported European intelligence sources.

● **OKLAHOMA** officials filed a class-action suit on Oct. 7 against the federal government to block a budget-cutting policy that would force 2,000 Medicaid patients to sell their homes. The 2,000 are Oklahoma nursing home patients.

● **GONORRHEA** resistant to penicillin is now spreading in New York City, Los Angeles, and southern Florida, according to Dr. Jonathan Zenilman of the Centers for Disease Control's sexually transmitted disease division says.

● **RICHARD NIXON** arrived in Hong Kong for a private visit following a trip to China where he met government leaders. Nixon was expected to pay a courtesy call on Governor Sir Edward Young.