

National News

Who's responsible for Gramm-Rudman?

"It was Don Regan's support for Gramm-Rudman that was critical in getting it through the White House support process," a City of London insider familiar with the U.S. situation told a caller on Dec. 13.

"Donald Regan has managed to reinforce his position in a very powerful way, and he's become the most powerful White House chief of staff we've seen in years."

On Gramm-Rudman itself, the source said: "We're not entirely sure of what the effects will be here, and I've picked up some apprehensions. It's good to attack the budget deficit, but it could be ruled unconstitutional, and will have a very curious effect on economic policy, because it leaves the administration and Congress very little discretion to do anything, and it's foolish to deny yourself discretion."

U.S. Attorney ordered to appear in court

On Dec. 9, Federal Judge Harold Ackerman ordered Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Small, a key individual in the Boston grand jury hearings against political supporters of Lyndon LaRouche, to appear for questioning in Ackerman's New Jersey court on Dec. 16.

The judge issued his order after hearing complaints from attorneys for LaRouche's 1984 campaign committees that Small had withheld information and lied in sworn statements submitted to federal authorities in Judge Ackerman's district, in an attempt to prejudice the Court against LaRouche's associates in a related case.

"I'm bringing Small down here for a hearing," Judge Ackerman said. "I want the truth. We're going to deal with him."

Judge Ackerman's decision to question Small grows out of a civil suit brought by the LaRouche campaign organizations to re-

cover almost \$200,000 in campaign funds seized by First Fidelity Bank of New Jersey in the closing days of the 1984 presidential campaign. Federal Prosecutor Small intervened in the suit on the side of First Fidelity. First, he told LaRouche lawyers that certain documents in federal custody needed for submission to the court in the New Jersey case, were unobtainable.

Then, Small lied about this fact, when he submitted an affidavit to the court in support of a motion by First Fidelity Bank to fine the LaRouche campaign committees because they did not make the documents available in New Jersey.

Finally, Small seemed to imply in his affidavit that, because he has repeatedly sought contempt citations against political supporters of LaRouche, Judge Ackerman should therefore rule in favor of the bank.

Judge Ackerman agreed that contempt proceedings and fines levied in the Boston grand jury investigation were not material to the evidence being sought in the New Jersey case, and ordered Small to turn over the documents he admits to having, and directed LaRouche attorneys to notify him if they have any problem getting the documents from Small.

ADL head criticized by Israeli leader

Crime-linked Anti-Defamation League head Kenneth Bialkin was strongly criticized in Israel the first week in December by parliamentarian Yossi Sarid, for having visited a West Bank settlement populated by extreme proponents of annexation.

In a Dec. 4 statement, Sarid charged that Bialkin's visit was "harmful," adding in a letter of protest to Bialkin, "Your demonstrative presence in the West Bank could only be interpreted as identification with the settlers and the settlements." He charged that Bialkin had, by visiting the Ariel settlement at the head of a delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, supported "annexation" of the West Bank:

"The impression is that the advocates of Greater Israel dug a propaganda pitfall for you and you all tumbled in."

Bialkin arrogantly answered Sarid, "I'm not the slightest bit embarrassed by visiting Ariel," and said, "I don't give a damn," if it appeared that this move represented support for annexation.

SDI head warns against espionage

SDI Program Director James Abrahamson told a Senate hearing on Friday, Dec. 6, that the United States will have to impose certain conditions on joint research with the European countries, namely, to ensure that foreign firms will not pass on scientific data to the Soviet Union and her allies.

Since the sensitive information will be exchanged between governments, not between private firms, he said that companies in those countries, whose governments decided against SDI participation, will have problems in obtaining such information.

Harvard's Cox pushes Dostoevskian cult

Harvard Divinity School's Harvey Cox predicted that Dostoevsky's "Christianity" will cause a major religious revival in Russia.

Cox, who summered in Russia, told the *National Catholic Reporter* in early December that the "real animating passions of the Soviet people" stem from the "profoundly Christian" themes of Dostoevsky, "who saw the long-time consequences of the development in Europe of the Enlightenment, of rationalism, faith in science, progress and all of this."

Cox went on to hail Dostoevsky as a "prophet" for realizing that "the palace of science has not been our salvation. Technology has been put to demonic purposes, and the hope for progress is something that hardly anybody seriously affirms anymore."

And we're left with a kind of emptiness, a spiritual hunger that Dostoevskii himself felt and anticipated. . . .

"Wouldn't it be ironic," Cox concludes, "if in the next century a revival of Christianity occurred stemming from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics?"

FBI admits there is terrorism in U.S.A.

FBI Director William Webster publicly admitted in early December that a Jewish terrorist underground is threatening to carry out a wave of terrorism against pro-Arab and "anti-Israeli" targets.

Speaking at a press briefing at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 10, Webster acknowledged that a number of individuals and organizations may be in a "zone of danger." He insisted, however, that the FBI is unable to locate the terrorists.

While not mentioning the Jewish Defense League, the Jewish Defense Organization, or the Rafi Eytan Terror Against Terror assassination squads recently linked to Israeli-Soviet spy Jonathan Jay Pollard, Webster cited the recent assassinations of Alex Odeh, Tscherim Soobzokov, and the firebombing of the Washington office of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee as evidence of a mounting threat of terrorism.

Webster's about-face on the issue of terrorism on U.S. soil came a week after mounting pressure forced the FBI director to meet with former Sen. James Abourezk, director of the AADC, to discuss the anti-Arab violence and the FBI's inaction.

According to sources familiar with the meeting, the most powerful piece of evidence the senator delivered to Webster was a transcript of an October press conference in Washington by Mordechai Levi threatening Lyndon LaRouche by name.

The FBI has also issued formal security warnings to a number of people known to be targeted by the JDL/JDO.

To date, Lyndon LaRouche, the num-

ber-one target of pro-Moscow Israeli networks, has not been contacted by the FBI and advised of the security dangers.

According to the sources close to the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau, in the first two weeks of December, there have been seven letter-bombs sent out through the U.S. mail—mostly to Arab university professors and other Arab activists.

Dope, money-laundering ring broken in Texas

Forty-four people, two companies, and one Texas bank have been indicted as part of "Operation Cash Crop," a two-year investigation by the Houston-based Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force into the drug-running and money-laundering activities of the Guadalajara-based Quintero gang.

"This is probably one of the biggest narcotics-trafficking rings uncovered in the country," said U.S. Attorney Henry Oncken of Houston. The Quintero cartel, linked to the killing of DEA agent Enrique Camarena Salazar, is believed to have brought at least \$75 million worth of marijuana into the country through Texas.

"A major marijuana-distribution ring has been disrupted," announced DEA agent Marion Hambrick at a Houston press conference. "Not only the ring, but the means by which they laundered the money."

Charles Lewis, assistant U.S. Attorney in charge of the task force, said that the cartel used at least 40 banks in the United States and Cayman Islands—including about 15 in Houston—in an extensive network "to launder literally millions and millions and millions of dollars." At least \$17 million in deposits were made in Texas and California, and another \$800,000 was laundered through 17 Texas banks via the purchase of 90 cashiers checks.

Of the 47 persons and entities indicted, 38 were charged with drug conspiracy and racketeering under the RICO statutes, and 46 were charged with conspiracy to import and distribute illegal drugs.

Briefly

● **KATHARINE GRAHAM'S** daughter, Lally Weymouth, has emerged as a key U.S. press operative in the cover-up of the Jonathan Jay Pollard spy case. According to informed sources, Weymouth, a *Los Angeles Times* stringer, maintains an exclusive press "salon" in New York City, where Ariel Sharon quietly holds briefings. During early December, Sharon traveled to the New York salon for a meeting with a select group on the cover-up.

● **VICE-PRESIDENT** George Bush predicted on Dec. 10 that the Republican Party could become the "new party of the American people by sweeping the 1986 congressional elections"—because of the economic upsurge in the United States. Bush said: "In 1986, we have an unusual opportunity [of] achieving a broad Republican realignment." He did concede that some sectors, including farmers, "have not yet felt the growing national prosperity."

● **CASPAR WEINBERGER** attempted to deflate the hysteria generated by the State Department over Cubans piloting the Nicaraguan military helicopter shot down by Contras on Dec. 1. Weinberger calmly noted on "Good Morning America" on Dec. 6: "This is something that's been going on, I think, for some time and what's been happening is that these advisers train various units, then stay with them as the units go into combat and participate with them . . . and I assume it's rather generally known."

● **THE POPE'S** visit to Texas in 1987 may thwart Rep. Jim Wright's (D-Tex.) plans to bring Gorbachov to Texas during the next summit, according to an op-ed in the Dec. 7 *San Antonio Express-News*. "A Soviet tour only months before the Pope's arrival could be too much for the recently media-conscious Kremlin to bear. A heavily guarded Gorbachov pales in comparison to the Pope leading an open-air Mass before thousands under a brilliant Texas sky."