

# National News

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## NYU to host Soviet and U.S. news media

Top Soviet and East bloc journalists will meet with handpicked counterparts from the U.S. and European news media, at New York University on May 2. The purpose of the conference is to discuss East-West media coverage of foreign and strategic policy, and to forge "a common ground" in coverage of issues like the Strategic Defense Initiative.

The meeting will be co-sponsored by the Netherlands-based Alerdink Foundation and New York University's Center for War, Peace, and the News Media. The NYU Center is directed by Prof. D. Rubin, and NYU professor McGeorge Bundy is on its board of directors.

Participants will include Larry Grossman of NBC; Vladimir Lomeiko of the Soviet foreign ministry; David Shipler of the *New York Times*; Fred Kaplan of the *Boston Globe*; Aleksandr Bovin of *Izvestia*; Bernard Guetta of *Le Monde*; Hodding Carter, former press spokesman for President Jimmy Carter; and Sergei Baló from Hungary.

The Alerdink Foundation has already had three similar conferences, one in Moscow.

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## 'Non-partisan' groups jeopardize tax status

The League of Women Voters has gone out on a limb with its attacks on electoral candidates associated with Lyndon LaRouche, in coordination with other such hitherto tax-exempt organizations as the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL).

The Columbus, Ohio director of the LWV, Irene Probasco, is circulating a "hit list" of LaRouche Democrats in the group's newsletter, which goes out to 4,500 members. Cognizant of her legal predicament, she attempted to assure an interviewer of the "non-partisan" character of the LWV's slanders: "The league is non-partisan, but our biggest concern is that they might do well,

due to voter apathy," she said. "Our aim is to wake up the voters, and let them make the decision."

The newsletter's twisted summary of "what the LaRouche candidates stand for" was compiled in collaboration with Alan Katchen, the ADL director for Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. It includes such "one-liners" as: "They believe in the imminent collapse of the world economy, which will be triggered by a drug plot involving international bankers, the Queen of England, and KGB agents including Henry Kissinger. . . ."

Columbus ADL Director Katchen is particularly active in attacking the influence of LaRouche candidates among farm groups in Ohio.

Elsewhere around the country:

- The ADL has pumped \$2 million into the state of Pennsylvania to disrupt the LaRouche movement. A team of lawyers linked to the ADL and the Democratic Party is traveling around the state, pressuring candidates backed by the National Democratic Policy Committee to withdraw from the campaign.

- In New Hampshire, the ADL is working with the *Manchester Union Leader* newspaper, to coordinate a libel campaign against Major Robert Patton, who is seeking the Senate seat of Republican Warren Rudman, co-author of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings austerity bill.

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## LaRouche hits crime link of 'crooked' judge

Plato Cacheris, the brother of Alexandria, Virginia federal judge James C. Cacheris, denied that he is tied to Resorts International, Inc. of New Jersey, the flagship of the state's casino gambling industry, in an interview in the *Washington Post* on April 23. He conceded, however, that his law partner, William Hundley, does represent Resorts International "in a limited fashion"—but "I have absolutely nothing to do with them." He further conceded that Resorts International does own casinos.

Cacheris was responding to a charge made by presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, in an interview with the "CBS Morning News" the previous day. Interviewer Forrest Sawyer asked LaRouche about a lawsuit in which Judge Cacheris had awarded NBC-TV \$202,000, in a judgment against him. The judge, said Sawyer, rejected LaRouche's testimony that he had received no income for 12 years, and declared him to be "lacking in credibility and living like a millionaire."

LaRouche replied, "After all the judge in that case is Plato Cacheris's brother. And if you know what that means, you can figure it out from there. Plato Cacheris is associated with [certain casino owners], that's Resorts International. . . . This judge is a crook. The judge did not base that opinion, that statement on any fact. He made a statement in absolute defiance of every fact in the case. The judge was a liar."

LaRouche dismissed Sawyer's question about investigations by the Justice Department and other authorities as "all politics." "The whole thing is a fraud," he charged.

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## Farrakhan aide brandishes terrorism

Khalid Abdul Muhammed, editor of the newspaper *Final Call* and chief spokesman for Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, denounced President Reagan on April 21 as "the No. 1 terrorist on the face of the planet Earth," and said that white Americans would be slaughtered in the streets if the administration prosecutes Farrakhan for defying its ban on travel to Libya. Farrakhan attended a conference of terrorist groups in Tripoli in March.

a contract there with the Abu Nidal organization to increase terrorism in the United States.

"If you attempt to lock up our leader and fine him \$50,000, the people will burn this country to the ground," Muhammed said. "People will walk up to the car where your police officers are taking a break and blow their damn brains out." Farrakhan's son,

Wallace, said that if his father is prosecuted or harmed, "There'll be hell put loose in the streets."

## Kissinger 'offended' by President Reagan

The Reagan administration "in many ways has been personally more offensive to me than any others," said Henry Kissinger to a private symposium in Washington at the end of April. "When you meet the President," Kissinger said, "you ask yourself, 'How did it ever occur to anybody that he should be governor, much less President?'"

Although it is "perfectly possible" that history will judge Reagan as "a most significant President," Kissinger opined, it is "also possible that he will be seen as somebody who spent a lot of capital maintaining popularity for eight years." Kissinger also declared that it is impossible to run for President "unless you are a rich, unemployed egomaniac."

## Judge gives OK to starve patient at home

Judge Arnold Stein of the Morris County Superior Court in New Jersey handed down a decision on April 23 which will allow families to starve to death sick or disabled patients. This is the first known ruling in the United States, in which a judge has approved removal of nutrition and hydration tubes from a person who is not terminally ill. The decision is being hailed by the murderous "right to die" lobby as a victory for their cause.

Judge Stein ruled that 31-year-old Nancy Ellen Jobs is in a "persistent vegetative state" and that if she were competent to judge her condition, she would not wish to be kept alive by "artificial means." Her husband, therefore, has been granted the authority to remove food and water from her, and to take her home to do it if the Lincoln Park Nursing

and Convalescence Center, where she is now confined, does not wish to carry out the act. Lawyers for the nursing home, which had refused to comply with the family's request to murder Mrs. Jobs, say they will appeal the case.

Reached for comment, the Society for the Right to Die and the Concern For Dying group boasted about this decision, and two other recent decisions in which U.S. courts have upheld a patient's "constitutional right" to starve. California's Elizabeth Bouvia, a cerebral palsy victim, was granted the "right" to starve in a county-run hospital, and Florida courts handed down a similar decision to clarify state law, even though the patient concerned had died weeks before.

## JCS chairman warns of Soviet power buildup

The Soviets are committed to the use of "raw power," and the Soviet military buildup, "on sheer momentum alone, will go to the end of the century," Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Adm. William Crowe told the American Bar Association on April 22.

Calling the Soviet buildup "unprecedented in world history," Crowe said that in trying to cut the deficit, Congress and the U.S. public have lost sight of the connection between military strength and national security. Continued defense cuts, he said, "run the risk of reliving many unhappy days of the past, when forced austerities dangerously reduced our military strength and in turn our national confidence and our ability to pursue our larger foreign policy goals."

Admiral Crowe had testified the previous day before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, that budget cuts would jeopardize the U.S. defense modernization program. "It should be clearly understood," he said, "that we are still mid-stream in the modernization effort. To falter now would stretch out the entire process and leave many of our units behind the power curve . . . and frankly, prove more expensive in the end, to see the Soviets widen the gap."

## Briefly

● **CARDINAL RATZINGER** and Lyndon LaRouche are "similar, in a sense," said Sister Mary Caroline of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, in a discussion following the Illinois primary. The League is a center of "liberation theology" in the United States. "We feel that the American Catholics are being sold down the river. . . . LaRouche is trying to undo Vatican II; he's attacking the Benedictines because he sees them as a threat, since they're renowned theologians."

● **'NEW JERSEY** is basically a bedroom community for terrorists," said FBI Special Agent Don K. Clark to a seminar on terrorism of 300 law enforcement officers and others at Essex County College in Newark on April 17. New Jersey functions as a safehouse for arms and explosives for use in New York, Washington, and other cities, he said.

● **THE SUPREME COURT** has agreed to rule on whether a person with a contagious disease should be protected by federal laws barring discrimination against the handicapped. The case under review is an appeal by the Nassau County, Florida, School Board, fighting an appeals court ruling that a teacher with tuberculosis can be considered handicapped under the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. The ruling would also have bearing on AIDS cases, which, like TB, are infectious.

● **U.S. ATTORNEY** Thomas W. Greelish declared on April 20 that the Gramm-Rudman budget cuts are having a disastrous impact on the War against Drugs in New Jersey. "We are fighting with limited resources," he said, "and we're going to start losing." The consequences are frightening. The funding for prosecuting major drug dealers is being cut.