

National News

Bigger military role in war on drugs

The Reagan administration has proposed an increased role for the U.S. military in the war on drugs, Pentagon spokesman Chapman Cox disclosed on June 20.

Cox said the military would supply more materiel and other services, including intelligence gathering and the use of radar planes, to the Coast Guard and other anti-drug units. The military could not take a direct role in arresting drug runners because of federal laws, he said, "but [drug smuggling] does have some national security implications . . . and we can give civilian law-enforcement people access to intelligence and equipment."

According to Cox, the proposals were an outgrowth of an extensive Navy exercise in the Caribbean in October in which drug smugglers in planes and boats were singled out as "targets of opportunity" that resulted in netting drugs worth \$27 billion, about 10% of this year's defense budget. Called Operation Hat Trick I, the operation was the first coordinated, military-style operation against drug smuggling.

'Monroe Society' pushes gunboat diplomacy

The James Monroe Society of Fredericksburg, Virginia has been taken over by Jon Speller and the KGB ring around Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), and is being used to manufacture a fraudulent "revisionist" version of the Monroe Doctrine. Speller, a top adviser to Helms, is one of the leading U.S. operatives of the "Trust," the Soviet-allied financial apparatus in the West.

According to sources in U.S. intelligence, the Monroe Society, which maintains the official Monroe presidential archives, is preparing a series of monographs aiming at convincing President Ronald Reagan that the Monroe Doctrine demands U.S. gunboat interventions into any nation in the Hemisphere that does not conform to "two-

party pluralist democracy" and free-enterprise economics—i.e., fails to pay debts to international bankers.

The immediate two targets of this Soviet-inspired perversion of the 19th-century American anti-colonial tradition are Mexico and Panama.

According to the source, the revised doctrine is designed to condition the President to the New Yalta deal, the Soviet-Eastern Establishment arrangement to divide the world into U.S. and Soviet "sphere of influences," by riveting his attention on the Western Hemisphere and the Pacific Rim—to the exclusion of Europe, which goes to the Soviets.

DEA head defends Noriega against Helms

On May 8, the day that Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) began closed hearings on Gen. Manuel Noriega, head of Panama's Defense Forces and the object of attacks recently in such journals as the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*, Drug Enforcement Administrator John C. Lawn sent General Noriega a letter.

The complete text of the letter was published in Lima, Peru, in the daily *El Comercio*, on June 18. We reprint excerpts here:

" . . . I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my deep appreciation for the vigorous anti-drug-trafficking policy that you have adopted, which is reflected in the numerous expulsions from Panama of accused traffickers, the large seizures of cocaine and precursor chemicals that have occurred in Panama and the eradication of marijuana cultivations in Panamanian territory.

"Regarding the question of attacking the profits accumulated by drug traffickers, I look forward to the day when all governments develop the means to systematically identify and seize those illegal profits. . . ."

The letter was distributed by the Panamanian embassy with a note, also printed, which asserts that all the charges against Noriega are an attempt to discredit the Defense Forces and prevent handing over the canal to Panama.

Roy Cohn disbarred by New York court

A New York State Court on June 24 ordered Roy M. Cohn disbarred, calling his conduct "unethical, unprofessional" and in one case "particularly reprehensible."

The unanimous decision by a five-judge panel of the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court stated, "We find the evidence so compelling . . . as to leave no recourse but to order disbarment."

The order for disbarment was based on four cases dating back to the 1960s, including a charge that his law firm misappropriated funds; that he lied on his application to the Washington, D.C. bar, and attempted to get the senile head of Schenley Industries, Lewis Rosenstiel, to name Cohn an executor of his will.

Roy Cohn's political machine is being torn apart by corruption scandals in New York, including charges against his law partner, Bronx Democratic Party chief Stanley Friedman. In the past, Cohn served as the right-hand man to Sen. Joe McCarthy during his 1950s "anti-Communist" witch-hunts. He has also been the attorney to several big-name organized-crime bosses.

Suspected spy hired by senators

Suspected Israeli secret-service (Mossad) operative Michael Pillsbury, who was fired as assistant undersecretary of defense for policy planning on the pretext he was responsible for leaks to the press, but who was suspected of more serious espionage activities, was hired on June 24 by Sens. Gordon Humphrey, Chic Hecht, Jesse Helms, and Orrin Hatch.

Long associated with another suspected Mossad operative still in government, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Technology Transfer Richard Perle, Pillsbury will work on foreign policy issues for the senators.

Briefly

● **THE JUSTICE** Department has ruled that individuals infected with AIDS can be fired from a job if that will help stop the spread of the disease. While acknowledging that AIDS victims have certain rights under the law, the opinion states, "It is imperative to recognize the distinction between the disabling effects of AIDS on its victims and the ability to spread the condition to others. . . . The risk of medical uncertainty must be borne."

● **LEGIONNAIRES** Disease has caused three deaths in a Connecticut hospital. The Hospital of St. Raphael discovered the *Legionella pneumophila* bacteria in the water system, the same place it was discovered in a British Hospital where cases broke out. The infection has a 15-30% mortality rate and is treatable, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

● **RICHARD LUGAR**, Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman, ordered a staff inquiry into allegations of drug-running in a number of Latin American and Caribbean countries by the Nicaraguan Contras. "There is a growing concern that official and quasi-official elements in a number of Latin American countries may be involved in a network smuggling narcotics into the United States. This is a national security issue as serious as the growing threat of state-sponsored terrorism," Lugar said.

● **SYNDICATED** columnist Ralph de Toledano attacked the Anti-Defamation League in his June 23 column, ridiculing the ADL operation against Austrian President-elect Kurt Waldheim, saying its actual intention is to flaunt ADL invulnerability. Anyone who criticizes the ADL, De Toledano notes, is labeled a "Hitlerite," or, what the ADL considers worse, "a supporter of Ronald Reagan." If one identifies a Jew as a communist, one is slandered as a Hitlerite. As a result of the ADL's behavior, it is creating anti-Semites by the thousands, De Toledano concludes.

Because Hecht and Hatch are members of the Select Committee on Intelligence, and have access to classified information, some administration officials have reported concern that Pillsbury will get his hands on new secrets.

Railroading of LaRouche associate sidetracked

State Judge Lawrence E. Wood denied a petition from a branch of the du Pont family, which would have put 29-year-old Lewis du Pont Smith under state guardianship because of his political affiliation with 1988 Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

On June 24, the judge ruled that the family had failed to bring sufficient evidence to show that Lewis Smith required "guardianship of the person," in addition to the guardianship over his finances, which the court ordered earlier.

The Philadelphia judge announced that he would rule on Lewis Smith's petitions for exceptions to the terms of financial guardianship within 30 days.

Judge Wood was asked by the E. Newbold Smith family to apply to Smith, a normal individual, a state statute that is generally applied to individuals in a coma or otherwise unable to take care of themselves physically.

Du Pont family-lawyer Leonard Dubin argued that the statute can be applied much more broadly by families seeking to "rescue" their children from political groups or environments they consider undesirable or coercive.

Attorney Jim Crummett, speaking for Lewis Smith, argued that application of the statute as an "anti-cult" measure, would not only be unprecedented and violate the intent of the legislature, but would violate the individual's constitutional rights to free political association.

Smith is seeking to throw out the entire state-court proceeding, through injunctive relief in federal Court, on this constitutional ground.

Teller proposes colony on Moon before 2000

Physicist Dr. Edward Teller, speaking at a conference of the U. S. Space Foundation in Washington, D.C. in mid-June, said that a colony on the Moon should be established "before the end of the century," and stated it could be technologically feasible any time after the next three years.

Teller said that the best potential for inexpensive launches into space lay in the use of high-energy ground-based lasers firing into the rear of unmanned rockets. He stressed heavy reliance on robotics by a Moon colony, and, since "you can squeeze oxygen out of green cheese," the Moon can function as a refueling station that would make the exploration of the planetary system infinitely easier.

When asked about cooperation with the Soviets, Teller said, "I'll go you one further. I'll say even with the French."

CIA chief Casey wants laws against 'leaks'

CIA Director William Casey says tougher laws against the U.S. news media's publication of classified material would do more to protect intelligence information than using polygraph tests on government workers suspected of leaking the material.

Casey, in an interview in the July edition of *Washington Journalism Review*, said preventive action should be legislated first, with polygraph testing used as "an effective tool" to track down government leaks once they occur.

"There is just too much information that hostile countries can get from the American press. We need to get a better control over that whole process."

Recently, the agency threatened to prosecute five major news media if they published material relating to U.S. intelligence on Libyan terrorist activities.