

National News

Justice Department seeks to oust Enrile

The U.S. Department of Justice has launched an investigation of Philippines Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile, in a politically motivated "watergating" effort aimed to force Enrile to give up his hard-line stand against the communist insurgent New People's Army (NPA). Enrile was defense minister in the government of Ferdinand Marcos, and helped to engineer the coup against him.

The DoJ investigation is based on claims that Enrile diverted U.S. aid monies into his own pocket and to real estate ventures in the United States.

In a statement from Manila on Nov. 3, Enrile angrily denounced the Justice Department's move. "I have nothing to do with any kind of U.S. aid money," he said. "These reports are apparently part of a veiled blackmail scheme to stop what some perceive to be an unseemly conduct on our part as far as our internal policies are concerned. Needless to say, I shall not be silenced or intimidated by any designs to prevent me from serving the national interest. . . ."

"I never expected that ill-meaning quarters would stoop so low in their partisan efforts to besmirch not only my name but that of my family. . . . I have all the records in my possession and I am willing to show them to anyone who makes a legal challenge."

The U.S. General Accounting Office last year sent two delegations to Manila to investigate alleged diversion of U.S. aid funds, and came up with no evidence to show such a diversion.

Vatican investigates U.S. seminaries

The preliminary results of a Vatican investigation of 38 seminaries in the United States were released in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 5. According to a report in the Oct. 18 edi-

tion of *The Tablet*, a British Catholic publication, the probe found that the situation in the seminaries was "generally satisfactory," but pointed to a number of problem areas. The criticisms are consistent with recent Vatican censure of the U.S. Church.

The investigation, conducted during 1983-84, was of "free-standing" Catholic seminaries. It was carried out by teams of bishops, religious superiors, and seminary leaders, under the direction of Bishop John Marshall of Burlington, Vermont, who was appointed by Pope John Paul II. Reports on college and university level seminaries where more than one institution is involved are expected to be released in 1987.

The current report was written in the form of a letter to the U.S. bishops from Cardinal William Baum, head of the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education. Despite some "substantial" problems, notably the need for "emphatic clarification and redress" in the teaching of moral theology in some seminaries, he said, the majority of colleges offered balanced and faithful programs.

According to Cardinal Baum, there had been "a few instances of dissent from the magisterium" on matters of moral theology, but this was not a "major characteristic." While curricula were generally characterized by "balance, fidelity, pedagogic appropriateness and pastoral sensitivity," there were some "inadequacies and confusions," and a notable "undervaluing of philosophy."

ACLU defends children's 'right' to get AIDS

The American Civil Liberties Union is suing the school board of Ascadero, California, for suspending a student with AIDS, after he bit another child.

According to the radical civil libertarians, the bite was a "trivial act of self defense" that endangered no one, and the boy was a victim of illegal discrimination against the handicapped.

The number of cases of childhood AIDS is growing around the world, posing major

difficulties for health authorities. In September, a group of physicians in Dusseldorf, West Germany published a report on the case of a four-year-old boy who contracted AIDS from a blood transfusion. When other members of the family were tested, it was discovered that the child's older brother was also infected. The mother recalled that the older child was bitten by the AIDS patient several months before.

Appeal filed for jailed EIR journalists

Lawyers for Jeffrey and Michele Steinberg, *EIR* journalists jailed since Oct. 6, filed an appeal to the denial of bail in U.S. District Court in Massachusetts on Nov. 5. The Steinbergs, security aides to Lyndon LaRouche, were charged with "conspiracy to obstruct justice" in a federal indictment against several LaRouche associates and organizations. They are demanding revocation of a magistrate's order of detention, and the establishment of conditions of release.

Lawyers William Moffitt and Thomas Jones argue that a full evidentiary hearing must be held to review the decision to withhold bail. Such a hearing, they argue, will show that the government based its case for pretrial detention on impeachable hearsay evidence. The appeal brief further argues that the government has violated the Steinbergs' rights, in particular those guaranteed by the fifth and sixth amendments.

In a related development, Paul Goldstein, counterintelligence editor of *EIR* (along with Jeffrey Steinberg), returned to the United States on Nov. 5 from a trip abroad, and was arrested by FBI agents at Logan Airport in Boston. Goldstein, who is also a security aide to LaRouche, was one of those indicted during the Oct. 6 raid in Leesburg, Virginia. Goldstein's return had been the subject of two weeks of negotiations between his counsel and government attorneys.

He pleaded not guilty to the trumped-up charges of obstruction of justice, and was released from custody on Nov. 6 under a

"work-release" program. Goldstein will be permitted to leave an as yet undetermined Virginia prison between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Kampelman: We may never deploy SDI

Chief U.S. arms negotiator Max Kampelman hinted that the Strategic Defense Initiative may never be deployed, in a speech in London Oct. 30. Calling SDI an "exploratory" program, Kampelman said: "A decision on whether to move ahead with the deployment of strategic defenses is probably years away; it might be made by President Reagan's successor, but it will not likely be made by President Reagan himself. Nor is the decision foreordained. There are ample examples of weapons systems for which research was completed but which were not deployed or maintained."

This statement by the arms negotiator is in direct contradiction to the policy of President Reagan and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Kampelman's remarks were cited by *Baltimore Sun* defense correspondent Charles Corddry in an article published Nov. 5, as proof that U.S. negotiators in Geneva "may be hinting at further accommodation on the 'star wars' defense scheme." Kampelman's speech "was not likely to have been overlooked by Moscow," wrote Corddry.

Governor Rhodes: Ohio must stop AIDS spread

Former governor James Rhodes of Ohio announced on Oct. 30 that he would build "containment centers" for AIDS victims in Ohio, if he were again elected governor on Nov. 4. His re-election bid was defeated by incumbent Democrat Richard Celeste.

Rhodes told an audience at Cleveland's St. Maron Catholic Church: "Ohio has one of the highest rates of increase in AIDS cases in the nation, '145% last year, as compared to 51% in California and 40% in New

York, and we must begin to take steps to control this terrible disease in our state."

Rhodes called the Celeste administration's brochures on AIDS "pornographic," and asked, "How can you expect to control the spread of AIDS in Ohio when the State Health Department under Celeste officially condones the lifestyle that caused the spread of AIDS in the first place?"

"I don't care what anybody thinks, I'm telling you what I know and what I've read. There is no end to the spreading of AIDS in Ohio. Let them go talk to the parents of a child who's contracted AIDS. . . . History will bear me out in this. The life of Ohioans is more important than Dick Celeste and Jim Rhodes."

SDI funding cuts will hit laser research

Lt.-Gen. John Wall, head of the Army Strategic Defense Command, said in an interview published in the *Washington Times* on Nov. 3 that the 35% cut in funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative voted by the Congress will probably force officials to focus on already-existing weapons, such as rocket interceptors, rather than lasers and other directed-energy devices.

"Kinetic-energy weapons are ahead of laser weapons. That's all there is to it," he said. "And it goes for the whole class of directed-energy weapons." Wall said that Congress, by slashing the SDI budget for several years in a row, is forcing the abandonment of full-scale research efforts. "In [the] 1986 budget we had to cut out some technology. In 1987, we're probably going to have to cut out some programs. We may have to decide whether to have a ground-based laser or a space-based laser, instead of both," he said. "I think we could spend judiciously and wisely a lot more money than we have right now."

Contrary to the claims of such devotees of "off-the-shelf" technology as Lt. Gen. (ret.) Danny Graham and his "High Frontier" group, the SDI without laser and other directed-energy research will be a dead letter.

Briefly

● **WILLIAM BURCH**, the commonwealth attorney of Loudoun County, Virginia, has launched a bid to revoke the concealed weapon permits of five security guards employed by Premiere Services, the company that provides security for Lyndon LaRouche.

● **TWENTY-NINE** U.S. senators have asked President Reagan to order the same sanctions against Syria as he imposed on Libya, because of Damascus's support of international terrorism, UPI reports. The senators said in a letter to the President that he should break off virtually all trade with Syria.

● **CHICAGO POLICE** raided the headquarters of the terrorist El Rukn group on Oct. 30, capturing a huge arms cache including shoulder-launched surface-to-air missiles and anti-tank weapons. El Rukn and its leader, Jeff Fort, have long been associated with Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam and with Jesse Jackson. The weapons cache is believed to have been financed by Libya via Farrakhan, as part of Qaddafi's plan to bring terrorism to the United States.

● **THREE U.S. WARSHIPS** fired a 21-gun salute in honor of the People's Republic of China, as they sailed into Qingdao Nov. 5 on the U.S. Navy's first visit to the country since the communists took power in 1949.

● **JIMMY CARTER** on Nov. 2 condemned the U.S. April bombing of Libya, saying the raid killed innocent people and turned Qaddafi into a hero. Carter was speaking in Bangladesh, on a two-day visit as chairman of the Malthusian organization Global 2000. Carter also called the Reagan administration's "Star Wars" plan "a mistake for our nation to pursue. . . . It is enormously costly and it may mislead our American people into belief that we can have an umbrella of protection over our nation."