

National News

Gaffney resigns at Pentagon, cites INF

Within hours of Frank Carlucci's confirmation as defense secretary, arms-control "hard-liner" Frank Gaffney, assistant secretary of defense, resigned on Nov. 19, citing differences with the Reagan administration's policy on the treaty governing intermediate-range nuclear forces in Europe (INF).

"We are now in a very dangerous situation of negotiating an arms control agreement under a deadline that is broadly recognized to be an artificially created one," Gaffney said, immediately before announcing his resignation.

The *Sunday Times* of London quoted Gaffney on Nov. 22, saying that the West is facing a new pestilence called "Gorbasm," a kind of euphoria suffered by those who view the Soviet Union under Gorbachov with an unrealistic amount of optimism, "those who drool over perestroika and glasnost." "History shows people thought the young Joe Stalin was a different kind of leader," Gaffney said, "that Brezhnev, in his early days, was a man with whom we could do business; Andropov liked Western clothes and jazz music and, despite his decade or so as head of the KGB, was perceived as somehow the harbinger of a new Soviet man and a new Soviet leadership.

"A breathing space is not a bad way of characterizing the current Soviet strategy, especially so far as it suggests that once the Soviets catch their breath, they will be fully back to their old strategy and approach of confrontation and expansion."

N.Y. bishops: no to surrogate motherhood

In an effort to influence the New York State Legislature, which is considering legislation to regulate the practice of surrogate motherhood, the Catholic Bishops of New York State have issued a statement terming surrogate motherhood "a psychological

minefield and a moral disaster."

According to a report in *The Wanderer* on Nov. 19, the bishops say that surrogate motherhood "threatens to damage the lives of children and to destroy the integrity of marriage . . . it deliberately brings into the world a child who is 'disconnected,' who will be separated forever from his real mother, a child who can grow up with the horrifying realization that his real mother sold him or that his sole purpose of conception was to be given away. No one has the right to create that sort of problem for a child. . . .

"Sound social policy dictates that laws should uphold marriage and the family. . . . A child is the product of a loving relationship and a loving act and thus serves as a living symbol of the couple's love." The bishops warn that surrogate motherhood will turn women into "depersonalized breeders."

Reagan reveals Soviet 'Red Shield' SDI effort

President Reagan, speaking to a group of supporters at the White House on Nov. 23, pointed out that the Soviet Union has for 15 years been carrying out a missile defense effort, which he dubbed "Red Shield."

Reagan said that more than 10,000 Soviet scientists and engineers are working on military lasers, while thousands more are developing other advanced technologies, including particle beam and kinetic energy weapons. "The Soviet Red Shield program actually dwarfs our SDI," Reagan said.

Asserting that SDI will eventually ensure against Soviet cheating on arms control agreements, the President said, "It goes hand in hand with arms reductions. We cannot, we will not, bargain it away to get strategic arms reduction. . . . In the decades ahead, we can't be sure just who will get access to ballistic missile technology, how competent they will be or how rational. We've had madmen come to power, and we must have an insurance policy against that day as well."

Reagan also attacked Congress for cutting the SDI budget. "There is a strange tendency by some in Congress," he said, "to discuss SDI as if its funding could be deter-

mined by purely domestic considerations unconnected with what the Soviets are up to. SDI is too important to be subject to congressional logrolling."

Cover-up of Contras' drug ties exposed

A "potentially explosive issue" that the U.S. congressional committees' Iran-Contra report "barely mentioned and dismissed in a single appendix on page 650" is likely to erupt in the New Year: "that the U.S. government knowingly allowed drugs to enter the United States in an effort to support the Nicaraguan Contras," wrote the *Sunday Telegraph* of London on Nov. 22.

Formal hearings into the Contra-drug link will begin early next year, by a parallel congressional inquiry. Jack Blum, staff investigator for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called the Iran-Contra report "a whitewash." Responding to the congressional report's contention that "there was no information developed indicating any U.S. government agency or organization condoned drug trafficking by the Contras or anyone else," Blum said: "This is wrong and wrong again. The Iran/Contra committees have made a concerted effort to play the issue down."

The *Sunday Telegraph* also quotes Paul Eddy, one of the authors of a new book, *Cocaine Wars*: "There is evidence that Contras were involved in drug trafficking." The evidence indicates that drug traffickers flew guns to the Contras, he said, and that the gun-runners believed they had a license to do so from the CIA.

Budget cuts mean two-year delays in SDI

The research budget for the Strategic Defense Initiative, approved by Congress in the military authorization bill, was cut substantially more than SDIO officials had envisioned, and will result not only in sharp

cutbacks, but in delays of up to two years in key experiments and development projects, the *New York Times* reported Nov. 22.

The scheduled date for a decision on whether to manufacture equipment to be deployed in the first phase of the missile program was slated for 1992, but, said Deputy Director of the SDIO Gordon Smith, "At this point, I think the development decision will have to slip out beyond 1992. I don't think that we will know enough by then."

The cutbacks will start at a figure \$1.8 billion less than the \$5.7 billion that President Reagan requested, and will be slashed further from there. The exact figures are still subject to negotiation, as the Gramm-Rudman bill and "budget summit" package go into effect.

Programs said to be affected include the space-based surveillance and tracking system, which would pick out real warheads from decoys and chaff; the SP-100 nuclear power generator; directed-energy weapons; the boost phase surveillance and tracking system. The battle management components essential to the working of the SDI program will be reduced in scope, with hardware, software, and communications experiments delayed an indeterminate length of time.

Ollie North had FBI investigate Sen. Kerry

Lt. Col. Oliver North ordered the FBI to investigate whether Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and his staff were influenced by foreign intelligence services, according to a front-page story in the *Boston Globe* on Nov. 20.

Kerry was investigating the involvement of the Contras in drug-trafficking, when North started the investigation.

The article adds that Kerry is demanding the release of further documents on the targeting of him, and an investigation into political interference by North and then-National Security Adviser Adm. John Poindexter into Justice Department decision-making.

The article highlights the fact that an

aide to Miami U.S. Attorney Leon Keller "told investigators that he overheard Keller say that the Justice Department had ordered a slowdown in the investigation" that was being conducted into illegal weapons shipments to Central America.

Mayor's death throws Chicago into uproar

Mayor Harold Washington's sudden death of a heart attack on Nov. 26 throws Chicago's already splintered Democratic Party machine into an uproar. Washington has been temporarily replaced by his vice mayor, alderman David Orr, pending election of a new mayor.

In the weeks before the mayor's death, the chaos in the party was exposed anew when a brawl broke out over hearings for county-wide offices in Cook County. Each faction presented its own candidates, as what is left of the old-line Daley Democrats were pitted against the "New Agers."

One controversy concerned Aurelia Pucinski, who had been defeated in the March 1986 primary for the Democratic nomination for secretary of state by LaRouche Democrat Janice Hart. Pucinski is now seeking the Circuit Court Clerk nomination. Daughter of Democratic Party Alderman Roman Pucinski, she received the support of Mayor Washington, despite the objection of most black committeemen, and the fact that she was overwhelmingly defeated by Janice Hart in the black community, 78% to 22%.

The *Chicago Sun Times* wrote: "Who would have predicted a week ago that Mayor Washington would be embracing Aurelia Pucinski, the daughter of one of his earliest and most celebrated antagonists? . . . Last year our faces were red when Ms. Pucinski was defeated for nomination for secretary of state by a woman put up by Lyndon LaRouche, eccentric extremist whom few of us had bothered to cover. . . . Ms. Pucinski . . . was defeated by Janice Hart because Mr. Washington and other Democrats had not plugged enough for her. The underlying cause was the splintering of the machine."

Briefly

● **FBI DIRECTOR** William Sessions has agreed to look into allegations of a U.S.-Soviet "back channel" on the SDI, as requested by several senators. Arms negotiator Paul Nitze is accused of working through private channels and Soviet officials to come up with anti-SDI formulations that the Reagan administration would accept.

● **THE 'NATIONAL Bolshevik Corporation'** (NBC) was granted the first U.S. television interview with Mikhail Gorbachov, scheduled to be aired on Nov. 30. Former NBC vice president Gordon Manning, who is now an NBC consultant, has been laying the groundwork for the interview for two years. NBC's "services rendered" on Moscow's behalf in recent years, include the most virulent slanders against Lyndon LaRouche to appear on any of the national networks.

● **THE AMERICAN Medical Association** sponsored a nationwide "teleconference" on "Medical Ethics and Daily Decisions—Conflicts of Values," which was broadcast to 300 hospitals in mid-November. The show was part of the international effort by the right-to-die lobby to legitimize euthanasia.

● **ALEKSEI ARBATOV**, the son of "America handler" Georgi Arbatov and director of Moscow's Institute of the World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), visited the United States in November, discussing issues like "non-provocative defense," with think tankers in Boston and elsewhere.

● **PROJECT DEMOCRACY'S** network in the CIA is facing a shake-up. Clair George, who headed the CIA's covert operations directorate during the Iran-Contra affair, announced Nov. 25 that he will retire at the end of the year. Dewey Claridge is "thinking about" retiring early next year, and Inspector General Carroll Hawver will resign by the end of the year, according to a story in the *Los Angeles Times*.