

# National News

## Reactors' shutdown threatens deterrent

The continued shutdown of the nation's only tritium-producing reactors at the Savannah River Plant in South Carolina, which have been idled since last August, could jeopardize the nation's nuclear deterrent, according to Robert B. Barker, the top Pentagon official for atomic energy matters.

"It is very important that we restore the reactors to safe operation soon. If we don't, there will be very serious consequences for our ability to maintain our nuclear deterrent," he said.

Tritium, which enhances the explosive power of nuclear weapons, decays at a rate of 5.5% per year, and must be continually replaced, or at some point, warheads become inoperative.

Unless the safety problems at the plant are overcome, the tritium supply will be exhausted by next summer, forcing the dismantling of some warheads to ensure that the higher priority warheads are functional.

## Irradiation pioneer sentenced to jail

Judge Maryanne Trump Barry of New Jersey on Aug. 11 sentenced food irradiation pioneer Dr. Martin Welt to two years in jail and fined him the maximum of \$50,050, for several minor infractions of Nuclear Regulatory Commission rules. Welt immediately announced that he plans to appeal the unheard-of sentence.

From the beginning, the case has been a witchhunt against nuclear technology waged by prosecutor Jacqueline Wolff, who tried to present the case as one of "big bad industry" that does not care about safety. Wolff was so carried away with the issue during her arguments for a maximum sentence, that at one point the judge yelled at her, "Safety is not an issue here!"

Indeed, there was no issue of any substance, simply minor technical violations of Nuclear Regulatory Commission regula-

tions that are normally just corrected or minimally fined.

Out of the six counts against Welt, the judge suspended sentence on four, giving Welt three years probation. But on two counts, the judge ordered him to serve the two-year maximum concurrently. The first count gives the flavor: "conspiracy to defraud the government of its duty to inspect." The second was a minor technical violation.

Prosecutor Wolff was seen after the sentencing triumphantly briefing the local press. She had told the press on the record, that she "hated" Welt and wanted to make an example of him. She also stated on Oct. 26, 1986 that she was "against any irradiation company."

Judge Barry is the sister of billionaire Donald Trump.

## KGB lies used against Bush backers

Syndicated columnist Ralph de Toledano has charged that "the KGB and the 'dirty-tricks' division of the Dukakis campaign [were] behind the attacks on Fred Malek and others working for Vice President Bush as 'anti-Semites' and 'fascists.'"

Earlier, *EIR* documented some of the same facts cited by de Toledano.

In a pre-publication version of his latest column, de Toledano states, "There is no doubt that [Dukakis campaign staffer] John Sasso fed a scurrilous 'document' to *Washington Jewish Week* and to others in the media. . . . Fred Malek and others who worked with Ukrainian and other ethnic groups were forced to resign—and the leaders of those groups felt that they had been betrayed by the Bush campaign.

" . . . A careful study of the facts proves that the attack was begun by the KGB in Moscow, picked up by the Dukakis campaign, and has as its target of smear the entire Republican and conservative movement in the U.S.

"The attack is based on a 'document' prepared by one Russ Bellant with the aid and encouragement of Chip Berlet, a pro-drug-use propagandist who is concerned that the Reagan administration will take cocaine away from his buddies. It attacks as 'fas-

cists' and 'anti-Semitic' everyone in the Reagan administration on whom it focuses, from the President down . . . every conservative group in the country, groups whose sin is that they are fighting for a strong U.S. defense and a stronger U.S. foreign policy, individuals whose only sin is that they have fought communism or criticized liberalism and the labor movement.

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"Well, if I were in charge of the Bush campaign, I would put a copy of the Berlet-Bellant-Sasso document in the hands of every ethnic leader so that he would realize what the Dukakis people think of him and his followers. If this document were so circulated, with an account of who is behind it, Michael Dukakis and the Democrats would not get a single vote from Ukrainian-Americans, Polish-Americans, and other Eastern and Central Europeans in this country.

"I who believe that patriotism is not something to be ashamed of. . . .

"But that is a job for the media—and since most of the national press and TV is committed to the Democrats, I doubt whether the public's 'right to know' will get any exercise."

## LaRouche forces target Schmoke for recall

Political forces associated with Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. have announced an initiative to recall Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke for his advocacy of legalizing dangerous drugs. The initiative was announced by Debra H. Freeman, independent presidential candidate LaRouche's running mate, at a press conference in Baltimore Oct. 11. Notably, the news was completely blacked out of the area press.

"On Sept. 29, Baltimore's Mayor Kurt Schmoke, testifying before the House Select Committee on Narcotics, in the nation's first congressional hearings ever convened to consider drug legalization, led the forces pushing drug legalization," said Freeman in a prepared statement.

"Schmoke called for the immediate removal of all criminal penalties for the sale,

distribution, and use of marijuana; provision of heroin, cocaine, and methadone on demand to addicts; and provision of clean needles to drug users (on the pretext of slowing down the spread of AIDS). . . .

"At least the mask has finally been dropped. Back in late April, Schmoke stunned a Washington, D.C. gathering of mayors and police chiefs by suggesting that the U.S. consider repealing its laws against the sale of narcotics. But, following a massive public outcry, Schmoke pulled back. He insisted that he was not calling for drug legalization; that all he wanted was 'to open a dialogue.'

"It was clear then that Kurt Schmoke was lying. His call had been carefully coordinated to unleash a concerted national drive for drug legalization. Within 48 hours, former U.S. Attorney General and Secretary of Defense Elliot Richardson made the case for the legalization of the international drug trade (and the accumulated drug revenues of drug czars) . . . during a press conference in Washington where the annual report of an Aspen Institute front group—the Inter-American Dialogue—was released.

"Since that time, Kurt Schmoke has engaged in a whirlwind of activity and an all-out propaganda onslaught with unprecedented media attention, in his drive for drug legalization. . . .

"Kurt Schmoke's actions, regardless of who was behind them, represent a criminal travesty for which he must be held responsible. Therefore, I am today initiating an effort, in conjunction with other anti-drug leaders in our communities, churches, and institutions, to launch a petition drive for an amendment to the Charter of the City of Baltimore allowing the recall of Kurt Schmoke as Mayor of Baltimore."

## LSD inventor visits United States

The inventor of the hallucinogen lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) 82-year-old Swiss chemist Albert Hoffman, has arrived in the United States, to "commemorate 50 years of LSD," and to "help admirers raise money to build a Hoffman library dedicated to LSD

and the psychedelic movement," Britain's *Daily Mail* reported Oct. 8.

At the University of California, Prof. Oscar Janiger has already started the Albert Hoffman Foundation, because of what he termed LSD's scientific importance in "allowing us to make inferences about how brain chemistry works and how the mind really functions in perceiving things around us."

Among those recruited to the foundation's board of advisers, reported the *Mail*, are "beat poet" Alan Ginsberg, "whose first LSD trip was paid for by the government as part of an official experiment"; cult guru Baba Ram Dass, a.k.a. former Harvard Prof. Richard Alpert; and Laura Huxley, wife of Aldous Huxley.

## Village Voice exposé on Bush a fizzle

New York's ultraliberal *Village Voice* dedicated its entire front page Oct. 11 to an "exclusive exposé," "Bush and the Secret Noriega Report; U.S. Knew of Panama Leader's Drug Role."

The extensive article, intended to boost Dukakis's presidential campaign, proves to be all smoke and no fire. The essence of the article is that Bush met with Panama Defense Forces commander Gen. Manuel Noriega in 1976, and because he was head of the CIA at the time, he must have been briefed on Noriega's background of alleged drug-involvement.

Such a briefing would have revealed the contents of a secret June 1975 Justice Department report known as the DeFeo report, which states that at one point there was a discussion in the Drug Enforcement Administration about an assassination plot against the late Panamanian leader, Gen. Omar Torrijos, and General Noriega because of suspected drug trafficking.

The DeFeo report, on which the *Voice* bases its story, says that DEA officials "quickly passed the information on to the CIA for transmittal to the Republic of Panama," and were "later informed that the plot had been verified and neutralized."

End of "exposé."

## Briefly

● **MARK DAYTON**, Michael Dukakis's principal Minnesota financial supporter and vice chairman of his Minnesota campaign, visited Russia in September, and was the guest of Abel Aganbegyan, Gorbachov's principal economic adviser. Dayton also visited Russia last year. Dayton is a trustee of California's Esalen Institute cult center—known for sponsoring "est," ESP, T-group, child sex, and other forms of programmed brainwashing since the 1960s.

● **COMPASSION?** Michael Dukakis used his late brother Stelian as an example of his compassion for the victims of crime, in what Reuters described as "an emotional defense" of his record on crime. In fact, . . . Dukakis "pulled the plug" on Stelian in 1973 after the latter was injured in a hit-and-run accident.

● **A DRUG-SMUGGLER**, convicted of transporting 11 tons of marijuana will be allowed to open and operate a "hospice" for AIDS patients in lieu of a 15-year jail term. A federal judge "with a tough reputation," according to the *Washington Times*, agreed to the alternative sentence suggested by the drug-runner himself, Harvey M. Prager.

● **FOOD FOR PEACE**, the new international organization of farmers and their supporters founded in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend, is staging over 20 local meetings and conferences in different parts of the United States in the period immediately ahead. More than 400 people are expected to participate. The organization is oriented to upgrading food production and distribution worldwide, against the scarcity policy of the grain cartel.

● **ELLIOTT ABRAMS**, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, met with his Soviet counterpart in London in mid-October, with the Caribbean and Central America the chief agenda items, according to British press reports.