

National News

NASA submits options for Moon-Mars mission

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has submitted its report on options for the Moon-Mars mission to the National Space Council. The most aggressive scenario would set the first manned mission to the Moon in the year 2001, and the first Mars trip in 2016.

This scenario would include a scientific and economic development program for the Moon, to lay the basis for the permanent settlement of Mars. The less aggressive scenarios either stretch out the timetable to reach the two major milestones, or envision a "quick and dirty" lunar program without a full scientific agenda. According to the Nov. 21 *Washington Times*, NASA includes no estimates of cost of any of the scenarios, though Office of Management and Budget director Richard Darman states that the Mars mission will cost \$400 billion.

The report points out that there is not currently an adequate programmatic effort to develop nuclear fission thermal propulsion, which it describes as an "extremely effective" technology.

According to an assistant to Dr. Aaron Cohen from the Johnson Space Center, who led the NASA study, the report provides a data base from which the National Space Council will put together a program to recommend to the President.

The aide stated that the report uses an envelope of the first decade of the 21st century for the return to the Moon and the second decade of the century for the Mars mission, and does not consider any longer-term timetables. He reports that the National Research Council and other committees may be called upon to review the NASA report.

LaRouche says drug legalizers are pushers

Lyndon LaRouche, candidate for Congress from Virginia's 10th District, said that advocates of drug legalization are the equivalent of drug pushers, in a Nov. 21 statement.

"Some people may think it's an exaggeration, even an hyperbole, to equate those who would legalize drug traffic with drug pushers," he said. "But if you think more carefully, then you realize, really, that anyone who is proposing the legalization of drugs is a drug pusher and just as dangerous, perhaps even more so, than the drug pusher on your local street corner or school yard.

"[T]he drug legalizers and the drug pushers are very closely tied together. So don't believe it when somebody says that cocaine, heroin, and so forth, are nothing more than the equivalent of tobacco or alcoholic beverages. It's a damn lie!

"Drugs are a device to be used by Communist China, by the Soviet KGB, and others with the specific intent of destroying the United States from within. Those who propose to legalize this sort of thing are serving the ends of those who have proposed to use this means to destroy our nation from within."

Satanist professor fired in Texas

Dr. Stephen Flowers, a professor of Germanic languages at the University of Texas and a board member of the Satanic Temple of Set, has been removed from the faculty of the University of Texas.

According to reliable sources, the University of Texas refused to renew Flowers contract.

Also according to sources, Lt. Col. Michael Aquino, the founder of the Temple of Set, blamed the fact that associates of Lyndon LaRouche revealed Flowers's connection to the Temple of Set as the reason Flowers was not rehired. Flowers is now employed by the Rio Grande Street campus of Austin Community College.

U.S. Army: 'This winter is a time of testing'

A spokesman for a special Army Intelligence unit that studies the Soviet Union at

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas agreed on Nov. 17 with *EIR's* analysis that Mikhail Gorbachev faces a cold, bleak, hungry winter. "There are some people who are rejoicing in the collapse of the Soviet economy, but they have not realized that the situation might be worse than before," he said.

This unit is already exploring scenarios that include a putsch against the reformers, that has the Soviet military going to war for conquest of food and consumer goods with the "last sinews of their military superiority." They also agree with the *EIR* Global Showdown "Plan B" analysis, that the attempt to build a "leaner and meaner" military with a new, more advanced cycle of weapons collapsed the civilian economy of the U.S.S.R.

There is a debate under way in the classified domain at present, the spokesman said, as to whether or not the Soviet Union has a continued "willingness to make sacrifices in the civilian area," as they had when Marshal Ogarkov and others developed the plan.

NDPC slows government legal assault

The U.S. government has been slowed in its efforts to collect multimillion dollar fines levied against the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), the political action committee representing the LaRouche wing of the Democratic Party, as part of a government effort to destroy the LaRouche movement. It was forced to "take back" its papers and admit to a Court in Boston that it had violated usual procedures in its haste to transfer the judgment to Virginia for collection.

The unusual government action of simultaneously withdrawing faulty papers and submitting a new version was caused by the NDPC's filing of a new appeal on Nov. 9 to the First Circuit Appeals Court, NDPC Chairman Warren J. Hamerman said. The new appeal opposed the government's attempt to register the \$2.7 million judgement in Virginia and identified the procedural flaws in the government's papers which they are now trying to clean up through a "pea and shell" switch of papers, Hamerman

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pointed out. He emphasized that the new NDPC appeal places the government's attempts to shut down the NDPC in the light of the recent finding of Judge Bostetter of government "bad faith." Hamerman cited the following section in the NDPC's Nov. 9, 1989 Massachusetts appeal, highlighting what he termed the "ubiquitous bad faith m.o. of the Get LaRouche Task Force":

"The conduct of the United States, and its unverified pleadings unaccompanied by affidavits, should be viewed against recent events in the Virginia bankruptcy case that the United States does not mention. On Oct. 25, 1989, the bankruptcy court dismissed the bankruptcy case, holding that the United States had filed the case improperly. Among other things, the court found that the United States, by misleading representations and half-truths, had engaged in a 'constructive fraud on the court, wherein the court may infer the fraudulent nature of the government's conduct.'" Hamerman said the NDPC intends to challenge the computation of millions of dollars of fines imposed through secret, *ex parte* submissions, and will challenge fines imposed for any period of time after the grand jury ceased to sit.

Sentencing guidelines held unconstitutional

U.S. District Judge Harold Greene ruled that several features of the federal sentencing guidelines are unconstitutional, and dismissed two cases which were moved from D.C. Superior Court into Federal Court solely to take advantage of tougher criminal penalties. Greene's rulings will have effect only in the District of Columbia, but are the first rulings on a number of challenges to the guidelines now in the courts.

The guidelines, (i.e., the calculus which assigns X number of years in prison to Y violation) were ruled constitutional by the Supreme Court in 1988, but the Court did not examine the effect of the guidelines "as applied" by federal prosecutors. Greene noted that sentences and charges vary widely, and the decision on which to use is made, behind closed doors, by review committees in the prosecutors' offices, not in open

court. Similarly, the guideline condition for leniency is based on "substantial cooperation" by the defendant with the prosecutor—the evaluation of what constitutes "substantial cooperation" is made by a committee in the prosecutor's office, outside the court. Greene noted "It is difficult to conceive of a parallel situation in the law where substantial liberty interests . . . are beyond the power of inquiry by anyone."

He added, "It is not necessary for the fight against the illegal drug dealers . . . nor is it fair and legal, to shortcut the Constitution by resorting to procedures which violate the requirements of the Due Process Clause." The judge's slap at U.S. Attorney for D.C. Jay Stephens' forum-shopping is also an attack on the behavior of prosecutors like the notorious Henry Hudson in Alexandria, Virginia. Informed observers have noted that a growing number of federal judges are outraged by this conniving with the law.

Court rules elderly can be starved to death

The Illinois Supreme Court in mid-November ordered the removal of a feeding tube implanted in the stomach of 77-year-old nursing-home patient Dorothy Longeway.

Longeway's eyes are open and alert, she breathes freely and responds to verbal commands. Her daughter requested the legal murder and the court rejected a counter motion filed by the nursing home.

A split in the court forced the majority to preface its ruling by declaring, "We wish to state emphatically that we cannot condone suicide or active euthanasia in this state." One of the two dissenting judges of the six-judge panel said the majority judges "plunge heedlessly and needlessly into the abysmal abyss created by those who attempt to too quickly solve what they perceive to be life's tragedies."

An attorney for the Americans United For Life, Paul Linton, said, "Food and water simply are not medical treatment, and to remove them from someone who is incompetent is a form of euthanasia that the law should not tolerate."

● **ADM. JOHN POINDEXTER'S** subpoena for President Reagan's diaries and other records was approved by Federal Judge Harold Greene Nov. 16 for his Iran-Contra criminal case. Reagan's former national security adviser had argued that he met "daily, frequently alone" with Reagan.

● **MINNESOTA** Agriculture Commissioner Jim Nichols and his trade analyst, Mark Ritchie, are being informally investigated by the French embassy and the U.S. Trade Representative for releasing classified documents regarding trade to a Belgian-born student under contract to a left-leaning French think tank, the Minneapolis *Star Tribune* reported Nov. 16.

● **AN 'ANTI-DRUG** military headquarters" has been set up at Fort Bliss near El Paso, Texas the Pentagon announced Nov. 13, to help the federal drug interdiction effort along the U.S.-Mexican border. Rep. Albert Bustamante (D-Tex.) told the Mexican daily *El Financiero* that it will be trained for "limited incursions into Mexican territory, always with the authorization of the Mexican government."

● **IRWIN SUALL**, the Fact Finding Director of the Anti-Defamation League, refused to apologize for falsely accusing Lyndon LaRouche of the assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, as the Soviets had done. Reached at his home Nov. 15, Suall said "no comment."

● **FRANK GAFFNEY**, a disarmament official in the Reagan administration, warned in the Nov. 17 *Washington Post*, "The Gorbachov years have seen a steady growth in Soviet military power. . . . It is a serious mistake to ignore these realities in the enthusiasm for Mr. Gorbachov and his stated agenda."