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Du Pont rebuffs proposal to halt Soviet trade

The proposal of Lewis du Pont Smith, a du Pont family heir, that the Du Pont Co. cease all trade with the Soviet Union until Moscow recognizes the sovereignty of Lithuania, was rejected in an April 25 letter from E.S. Wollard, Jr., chairman of the board of E.I. du Pont de Nemours, Co., Inc.

"Your resolution regarding the company's business relationship with the Soviet Union was discussed at our Board of Directors meeting this afternoon. It was determined that it would not be in the best interests of the company to pursue the action requested by your resolution," Wollard said. "On matters of foreign policy . . . Du Pont is guided by the letter and spirit of U.S. policies and laws."

Smith, who brought the resolution before the stockholders, said it was "sad" the company "by this action, has endorsed Gorbachov's continuing application of the Hitler-Stalin Pact." He said the company seemed to be following the line of *Izvestia* which denounced his proposal April 18.

The April 26 Wilmington, Delaware *News Journal* quoted Wollard stating: "We do not have a Du Pont foreign policy. We follow the policy of the U.S. State Department." The *News Journal* reported that, ironically, Wollard had told the stockholders that the company must be responsive to the public, especially in addressing environmental concerns.

Space is key to economy, says Quayle and NASA

"We will and must develop the space infrastructure-equivalent of the roads and bridges program, of the 20th century," Vice President Dan Quayle, who is heavily involved in getting the space budget through Congress, told the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics meeting in Washington May 1.

"This nation has risen to the occasion before, building a road system costing \$2.5

trillion starting in the early part of this century. We begin now on the road system to the Solar System," he said.

Quayle, who heads the National Space Council, asked the AIAA industry members to help the administration convince Congress that investment in space is key for the nation's economic future.

Quayle drew on the example of the 15th century Chinese Ming dynasty which, after exploring the coast of Africa, made a political decision to end its age of exploration. "There are times," Quayle said, "when seemingly small decisions reverberate throughout centuries to come. Now is such a time."

NASA Deputy Administrator J.R. Thompson told the AIAA meeting that "servicing the national deficit is 15-equivalent NASA budgets, and it's 20 for the S&L bailout." "We must give future generations a chance to succeed, as well as to fail. . . . NASA is not the Department of Education of the government, but NASA is indeed an education agency," he said, noting that the agency currently has 162 programs in schools which touch about 6 million students and educators, and 30,000 teachers participate in NASA workshops.

Thompson expressed the hope that the Hubble Space Telescope might convince the likes of the *Wall Street Journal* that there is "more to economics than takeovers and junk bonds."

Bush needs an education, badly

The May issue of *Harper's* magazine included an exchange, taken from a White House transcript, between a high school student and President George Bush on the "education thing" last February.

Question: I loved your State of the Union Address on improving education. I was wondering, do you have any plans to get ideas internationally to improve education?

The President: Well, I'm going to kick that one right into the end zone of the secretary of education. But, yes, we have all—he travels a good deal, goes abroad. We have a lot of people in the department that does that. We're having an international—

this is not as much education as dealing with the environment—a big international conference coming up. And we get it all the time—exchange of ideas.

But I think we've got—we set out there—and I want to give credit to your Governor McWherter and to your former governor Lamar Alexander—we've gotten great ideas for a national goals program from—in this country—from the governors who were responding to, maybe, the principal of your high school, for heaven's sake.

ADL spying on Right to Life movement

The Anti-Defamation League, often referred to as the American Drug Lobby because of its defense of drug interests, has intensified its secret campaign to destroy the Right to Life movement, according to sources inside the ADL.

A team of ADL lawyers and analysts are reviewing videos and news coverage of the Right to Life march held in Washington, D.C. April 28 to identify "extremists" and "anti-Semites" alleged to have participated in the demonstration.

Another source revealed that the ADL has compiled dossiers on anti-abortion activists with particular attention to monitoring Operation Rescue members. Reportedly, the dossiers are being made available to law enforcement authorities.

GOPers use Goldwater ideology to push abortion

Republican Party conservatives and centrists are mounting a three-year campaign to reverse the anti-abortion party platform plank it adopted in 1980, including the formation of two abortion rights political action committees, the April 23 *New York Times* reported.

The effort is being couched in terms of "Barry Goldwater conservatism." The government "should stay out of our lives," said Ann Stone, a conservative fundraiser who is heading Republicans For Choice which

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hopes to raise \$1.5-\$3 million. Roger Stone, longtime associate of GOP party chairman Lee Atwater who is advising the PAC, told the *Times*, "You can be pro-choice and respect life." Stone said most GOPers see the question as government interference into their private lives. "As far as I'm concerned, that's basic, Barry Goldwater conservatism."

Barry Goldwater has been for over a decade, a member of the board of sponsors of Planned Parenthood of central and northern Arizona. His wife, Peggy Goldwater, organized the Mothers' Health Clinic in 1937 which became a Planned Parenthood affiliate in 1942, and was the president of the board of Planned Parenthood several years between the 1940s and the 1960s.

Steel institute takes EPA to court

The American Iron and Steel Institute has taken the Environmental Protection Agency to court, challenging the basis on which it has formulated its pollution standards. AISI has charged that the EPA air quality standards for smoke, dust, and soot are "arbitrary and capricious" and based on inadequate scientific data.

A U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has rejected the AISI challenge, the April 28 *Washington Post* reported. But according to Mr. Steiner, an AISI vice president, the industry group will fight the ruling. The group had asked the court to delay its decision because the National Institutes of Health is probing charges that an author of some studies relied upon by the EPA suppressed evidence of errors in research.

The standards now being considered by the Congress, and passed by the Senate, would virtually shut down all of the nation's 50 or so coke ovens.

Dems field a nobody against LaRouche

The Democratic Party has announced a primary candidate, who is seeking the party's

nomination at its May 12 convention in Virginia's 10th Congressional District against Lyndon LaRouche, who is running an independent Democratic campaign to oppose incumbent Rep. Frank Wolf (R).

MacKenzie Canter, a Northern Virginia lawyer, has announced he is seeking the nomination. Canter lost a bid to be the party nominee to oppose Wolf in 1988. Currently his campaign has only one campaign contribution, \$10,000 of his own money.

According to the press reports, Canter's campaign may have less than enthusiastic support from Democratic Party Poopers, so-named by LaRouche because of their support for Bush Republicans. His announcement was attended by only about a dozen people. Canter told the press that he intended to make his pro-abortion stance a big issue in the campaign. He also stated that he was concerned about the high rates of infant mortality in the United States.

Virginia downplays spread of satanism

On Walpurgisnacht, the April 30 *Daily Telegraph* of London cited the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice as a key source for the claim that the problem of satanism has been vastly exaggerated in the United States.

In an article entitled, "Satanism Has U.S. Jumping at Ghosts," *Telegraph* science correspondent Adrian Berry cites a journal called *Sceptical Enquirer*, which, in its latest edition, charged that "ill-educated policemen" are contributing to the extravagant claims about the satanist threat. Berry says that a specialist in the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice has informed *Sceptical Enquirer* that too many rural policemen had strongly held Christian fundamentalist views, which included a belief in Satan. "Arguing with them is attacking their world-view. Satan becomes, to them, the ultimate crime-leader; the drug lord, the Mafia don," the unnamed source is quoted.

Berry claimed that there have been a "series of incidents which highlight a national wave of hysteria over satanic cults."

● **GEN. PAUL SCHERER** (ret.), the former head of the West German Military Intelligence Service, will present a strategic briefing on the current situation in the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe on May 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. "The real developments, verging on the catastrophic . . . can no longer be kept hidden or wished away," Scherer said.

● **ALANTIC RICHFIELD** stands to make billions of dollars from one Clean Air Act proposal which would require oxygen be added to gasoline. The most likely additive, as prices increase 15 to 20¢ per gallon, is methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and ARCO now controls 40% of the worldwide production of MTBE.

● **DEXTER LEHTINEN**, the U.S. Attorney in Miami, is being investigated by the Justice Department for allegedly covertly involving himself in the investigation of a potential political opponent of his wife, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.), after recusing himself, the April 29 *Washington Post* reported. Jeb Bush managed Representative Lehtinen's campaign.

● **RESEARCHERS** from the Minneapolis, Minnesota Federal Reserve mooted separate regional currencies for the United States in a *Wall Street Journal* commentary April 26.

● **WILLIAM SAFIRE**, columnist for the *New York Times*, called the CIA-DIA misestimate of the Soviet economy an "intelligence fiasco" comparable to the "Bay of Pigs" on April 27. Safire revealed that in 1985, CIA head William Casey refused to form a "Team B" of outside experts to review CIA estimates.

● **THE AMERICAN** Civil Liberties Union will challenge in court an Alexandria, Virginia anti-loitering ordinance which a spokesman Victor Glasberg called "an incremental step toward a police state and siege mentality," the April 26 *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reported.