

# National News

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## Say Bush knew of Red Army power grab

Syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak wrote in a Jan. 30 column that the Bush administration had foreknowledge of the "Red Army power play."

"Instructed to ask [Soviet Chief of Staff] Marshal Mikhail Moiseyev [in December] why his Soviet general staff was blocking troop reductions imposed by the Conventional Forces Europe treaty, Ambassador Jack Matlock was told that because the Foreign Ministry, then headed by Eduard Shevardnadze, had negotiated it, the treaty had no standing with the military.

"The chief of staff's claim to be exempt from solemn agreements made by the Soviet government stunned the Bush administration. It revealed for the first time how far President Mikhail Gorbachov's reform regime had fallen. Days later, dropping a second shoe, the marshal had his strategic arms negotiators repudiate a major part of the START treaty all but agreed to by Shevardnadze and Secretary of State James A. Baker III in Houston," they reported.

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## Yeutter drove wheat prices lower, NFO says

The National Farmer's Organization (NFO) charged that outgoing Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter helped drive wheat prices lower this year by refusing to activate the farmer-owned grain reserve.

"Failure to bring the wheat reserve up to lawful levels helped drive wheat prices lower and lower, simultaneously driving down wheat farmers' income," charged Tim Ennis, NFO grain researcher, in the current issue of the *NFO Reporter*.

According to the 1985 Farm Bill, when wheat prices fall below 140% of the loan rate and wheat reserves fall below 300 million bushels, the government must intervene to purchase wheat at higher prices to replenish wheat stocks. By July both conditions

had been met, wheat prices were at a record low and stocks were 180 million bushels below what is required by law. Yeutter has done nothing to this day, and prices have plummeted still further.

A so-called wheat glut due to bumper crops and losses of export markets in the major wheat producing areas has been blamed for the record low wheat prices this year.

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## Schmoke calls for mind control for prisoners

Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke is calling for a national debate on using "advanced scientific knowledge and technologies," including mind-altering drugs and implants, "to punish convicted criminals." Schmoke first enraged the black community in 1988 shortly after he took office, when he emerged as an advocate of drug legalization in testimony before the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

During January, he has said several times that increasing crime, overcrowded prisons, and short prison terms make the debate vital.

"The issue of the use of scientific technology in criminal justice ought to be discussed. We shouldn't put our heads in the sand about this. We know that we can't keep building massive prisons as a control mechanism. We need a national commission to explore alternative treatments and punishment for criminals.

"Everybody knows that certain chemicals can induce impotence. Why shouldn't a society use chemicals to induce impotence in rapists?

"We now know that certain receptors in the brain control addictions. Question. Pure question. Can't we have another kind of chemical injected into them, or something implanted, to block those receptors to their brain? These are some of the alternatives I want to talk about."

Dr. Jerome G. Miller, head of the National Center for Institutions and Alternatives, responded: "The whole idea of relying upon mind-altering drugs or chemical cas-

tration is troubling. I think this is a totally misplaced emphasis, especially coming from a policymaker like the mayor. . . . Science has the answer to criminal behavior, but not medical science. The answer lies in social science, in economics."

Some of the technology contemplated by Schmoke dates back to research done 50 years ago by Adolf Hitler's Nazi medical corps. Peter G. Breggin, a director of the Bethesda, Maryland-based Center for the Study of Psychiatry, condemned the proposal. "There has been no refinement at all in these methods since their invention. . . . They all simply are a way to damage the brain or the gonads. All that we know how to do is grossly and inexactly intervene in this very complex, very subtle, very unique organ called the brain. Every one of the interventions [Schmoke has] proposed are brain-damaging; they kill sections of the brain."

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## U.S. troops needed in Europe, expert says

The renewed Soviet military threat requires the return of U.S. troops to Europe, declared Norman Blackwell, a security expert based in Washington, D.C., apparently referencing the hardline turn in the Soviet Union and the crackdown against the Baltic states, the German daily *Tageszeitung* reported on Jan. 30.

"If we were still in the Cold War with the Soviets," he said, "we would not be in the position to fight a hot war in the Gulf."

"To be safe from Soviet surprises," Blackwell said, the return of U.S. troops to Western Europe must be considered.

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## Cook County Hospital loses accreditation

Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, the "institution of last resort" for the poor, homeless, and starving of this city, was stripped of its accreditation on Jan. 19 be-

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cause of allegedly serious fire code violations at two buildings. Hospital officials noted that the cited violations were lack of enclosed fire exits, a sprinkler system, and fire doors.

The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations announced what it called "final action" late in the day on Jan. 18. The Commission's action came despite passage by the County Board on Dec. 17 of \$10.6 million in emergency contracts to correct the violations.

The two buildings cited for the violations are the children's hospital and the "A" building, which includes a general medical floor, the AIDS unit, the correctional unit, and intensive care unit.

The loss of accreditation is the first step in a process that could result in the hospital's losing \$90 million in annual Medicare and Medicaid funds, as well as revocation of credit to 450 residents and interns in teaching programs at the hospital.

Cook County Hospital has been facing shutdown for at least 10 years, as a result of the post-industrial turn the nation's economy has taken. Back in early 1987, Cook County attracted a tremendous amount of media coverage, around a scandal in which a staff doctor who contracted AIDS was allowed to continue practicing at the hospital.

### Students prepared to protest social problems

A poll conducted by the University of California at Los Angeles and the American Council on Education reveals that a record number of incoming college freshmen took part in demonstrations during their last year in high school, and indicates they will participate in protests while in college, according to a Jan. 28 AP wire story.

The poll shows that 39.4% of all freshmen and over half of those enrolled at black colleges, participated in demonstrations as high school seniors. This is up from last year's high of 36% and more than double the 15-16% rates reported during the height of the student protests against the

Vietnam war.

"This trend shows there is a rapidly expanding number of American college students who are dissatisfied with the *status quo* and who want to become personally involved in bringing about change in American society," said Alexander W. Austin, director of the survey.

"It is especially important," he added, "to realize that this survey was conducted prior to the time when the U.N. agreed upon the Jan. 15 deadline for military action in the Persian Gulf."

While most of the concerns profiled revolve around the environment, four out of five surveyed consider racism to be a continuing problem in American life, and interest in business majors is taking a nosedive.

### Tuskegee airmen pan play about their role

A play about the Tuskegee airmen of World War II which was being performed at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. in January, has been panned by many critics including some of the black airmen who have said the play is "not the real story" of their fight to racially integrate the Air Corps combat pilots. The U.S. Army was finally forced to establish a flight school at Tuskegee Institute. The news media and the playwright are trumpeting the play as showing black youth that these men are legitimate heroes.

George Lucas, director of the movie *Star Wars*, plans a film on the life of the first black general in the Air Force, Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. But Davis has refused to collaborate with Lucas because, "I long ago made the decision that I would have nothing to do with it, because I knew that I would be unable to influence him at all. I think I know what it's going to be, and I don't want to be associated with it." General Davis was the first black cadet at West Point since 1870.

The play, *Black Eagles*, is among several productions promoted recently, including *Glory* and *Memphis Belle*, that tell the story of black military heroes of American history.

● **LYNDON LAROCHE'S** campaign committee for the 1992 presidential nomination, "Democrats for Economic Recovery—LaRouche in '92," has filed with the Federal Election Commission and has announced that it is ready to accept contributions for the 1992 campaign.

● **JOSEPH LOWERY**, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, called for a cease-fire and U.N.-sponsored comprehensive peace conference, in remarks made on Martin Luther King's birthday, Jan. 15.

● **THE INTERNAL** Revenue Service bragged in its 1989 Annual Report of its role in the political frameup of Lyndon LaRouche. LaRouche could not have been prosecuted by the IRS under the taxpayer bill of rights which became law shortly after his indictment in late 1988.

● **DON ALEXANDER** was covered on the front page of a black New York weekly newspaper, the *News American*, in an article entitled "Navy Fireman Refuses To Defend Slavery in Gulf." Alexander has refused to serve to reinstate the Kuwaiti slaveholding system, or "to support any political system that condones and practices chattel slavery."

● **HENRY HUDSON**, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and prosecutor in the judicial railroad of Lyndon LaRouche, has submitted his resignation and is preparing to run for Congress. Republican Hudson is expected to run against Rep. James Moran (D).

● **GEORGE BUSH** is so "obsessed by the Gulf crisis" that this has "compromised" the U.S. government's ability to make any effective response to Soviet policy toward the Baltic republics, complains writer Anthony Lewis in the Jan. 29 *International Herald Tribune*.