

National News

L.A. County slides to brink of bankruptcy

The mudslide into global financial collapse is now enveloping Los Angeles County, the largest in the nation, with 9.2 million people. Officials are scrambling to cut public services to the bone, in vain hopes of covering an official budget deficit of \$1.2 billion.

County Chief Administrative Officer Sally Reed presented an austerity scheme on June 20 which would cut department spending 20% virtually across the board, eliminate 18,255 county jobs, close more than a dozen libraries and 30 parks, severely reduce welfare and other social services, and shut down the 2,000-bed Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center, which served 855,000 outpatients last year alone.

Reed warned that Los Angeles County could follow adjacent Orange County into bankruptcy if the cuts are not enacted, the *Washington Post* reported on June 21. She also said the threat would worsen if further planned cutbacks in state and federal aid—now covering more than two-thirds of the county budget—are enacted. Orange County filed for bankruptcy in December after losing \$1.7 billion in the derivatives market.

Kissinger knighted for his service to Britain

Self-professed British agent Henry Kissinger bent over for the monarchy once again, this time in London on June 20 to receive an honorary knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II, for his "contribution toward Anglo-American relations."

A press release issued by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on June 13 announced "that the queen had been pleased to approve a recommendation by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs [Douglas Hurd] that Dr. Henry Kissinger should be appointed an Honorary Knight Commander in the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint

George (KCMG). This honor was in recognition of Dr. Kissinger's contribution toward Anglo-American relations." The ritual was personally administered by the queen.

As a mere American citizen rather than an official British subject, Henry had to settle for the "honorary" version of the KCMG—though that order is of a higher rank, for example, than the Order of the British Empire, and is seldom conferred upon an American.

As to why Kissinger was being knighted, and why at this particular time, a spokesman for the Foreign Office told *EIR* on June 14, "Don't ask us. Ask the queen! It's her remit! She makes the decision personally. All I can say is, that Mr. Kissinger has been very helpful to us, a staunch ally, really, on so many things. Bilaterally and in other ways. He's been so helpful, for example on the question of Northern Ireland, and I think she wanted to reward that. But you should ask her, she really is the one who is on top of things."

Kissinger has made no secret of his desire to keep the British on top of things. In his speech at London's Chatham House on May 10, 1982, he bragged, "In my White House incarnation then [as national security adviser to President Nixon], I kept the British Foreign Office better informed and more closely engaged than I did the American State Department."

CIA official raises new questions in Ames case

CIA Inspector General Frederick Hitz believes that convicted spy Aldrich Ames may have been recruited by the Soviet KGB as far back as the late 1970s. Hitz raised that possibility in an address delivered in April to a National Security Institute conference in Boston, according to an account published in the June 19 *Washington Times*. Ames may have been initially approached by the Soviets while he was a case officer in New York City in 1976-81, Hitz suggested.

"There is some question in the damage-assessment team's mind and ours, and indeed in the investigating bureau officers' mind, as to when Ames actually did begin to work for the Soviets," Hitz said. "There

is some evidence to suggest that his relationship with a [Soviet] correspondent in New York, where [Ames] had a number of lunches before he even went to Mexico City, were as much preparatory ground by them to set him up for what he later calls a voluntary act on his part, but could well have been a well-prepared recruitment."

Ames's attorney, Plato Cacheris, told the *Times* that other CIA and FBI officials suspect that Ames was recruited in the early 1980s while posted in Mexico City. At that time, Ames was in contact with KGB officer Igor Shurygin, one of the Soviet's top recruiters.

Hitz said that the CIA is in the final phases of its damage assessment of the Ames case, and will issue its findings before the end of the summer. "When you read it, you're going to get sick all over again," he said.

Wall Street leaders top 1930 Eugenics roster

An August 1930 membership list of the American Eugenics Society has recently come to light, confirming that the titans of Anglo-American finance of the time were supporters of genocidal "race science." The eugenics movement for "race purification" was the international ideological support network for Adolf Hitler's Nazi Party. Both the eugenics movement and Hitler's 1933 takeover of Germany were organized with the backing of the British royal family and Anglo-American banking interests.

The 1930 American list includes Henry Morgenthau, Jr.; W. Averell Harriman; J. P. Morgan, Jr.; Thomas W. Lamont; John D. Rockefeller, his son John D., Jr., and nephew Percy A. Rockefeller; Otto H. Kahn; Bernard M. Baruch; Robert and Murray Guggenheim; and Mrs. Eleanor Lattimore Owen. The newly discovered list is especially significant, in that the leading figures of the eugenics movement rarely appear in any official connection to it.

The House of Morgan (run by J. P. Morgan, Jr. and Thomas W. Lamont) played official British overlord on Wall Street in the 1920s to 1940s, and sponsored the regimes of Mussolini in Italy and Tojo in Ja-

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● **FORMER CIA** director William Colby told the British-American Business Association in Washington June 15 that Russia might need a dictator. Colby called Russia the "wild card" in the current world situation, adding that "they could turn toward fascism. . . . But maybe what Russia needs is a Pinochet, a dictator [who] would open their economy and then be kicked out by the people."

● **THE PENTAGON** has announced that eastern European and NATO troops will hold joint exercises for the first time on U.S. soil, AP reported on June 17. NATO soldiers and troops of former Warsaw Pact nations will conduct peacekeeping exercises called Cooperative Nugget '95, to be held Aug. 6-28 at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

● **TEXAS GOVERNOR** George W. Bush, Jr., can soon boast of having "by far the largest prison system in free world," as state prison officials insanely described it on June 12. Texas is scheduled to open 13 new state prisons and jails during June and July, completing a multi-year prison expansion program which already sub-contracts to house inmates from other states.

● **JOHN SWEENEY**, president of the Service Employees International Union, officially announced his candidacy on June 13 to succeed Lane Kirkland as president of the AFL-CIO. He heads a slate with Linda Chavez-Thompson of Afscome for executive vice president, and Richard Trumka of the UMW for secretary treasurer. Sweeney's opponent is Thomas Donahue, the current AFL-CIO secretary, who served with Kirkland for 16 years.

● **THE SIERRA CLUB** hopes to impose an ecological dictatorship by constitutional amendment in time for Earth Day 2000. The amendment would prohibit any human activity which might "impair" the use of "common property," such as "air, water, sunlight, and other renewable resources" designated by Congress.

pan. Averell Harriman's own banking organization, which ran massive Nazi corporate entities and moved the money to finance Hitler's takeover, was started in about 1919 by Percy A. Rockefeller and George Herbert Walker, grandfather of President George Bush. Financier and political manager Bernard Baruch, a favorite agent of Winston Churchill, wrote proudly about his father's activism with the Ku Klux Klan.

The 1930 Eugenics Society list was found at the Library of Congress, in the papers of Margaret Sanger, the infamous eugenics advocate and promoter of birth control for the same end.

Shelby offers bill for prison slave labor

Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) laid bare another ugly feature of the Conservative Revolution by introducing the Prison Work Act of 1995 at a June 15 press conference in Washington. "It's time we put an end to inmate coddling, and implement a system of inmate accountability," Shelby declared in his press release.

The legislation would establish a minimum 48-hour work week, and require an additional 16 hours of "study," before inmates are permitted to "enjoy leisure activities such as lifting weights, watching cable television, or playing basketball." The act repeals a provision of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, which requires that states have what Shelby derogatively calls "an array of questionable, social programs" in place, in order to qualify for prison construction grant funds.

The vast majority of inmates in federal prisons, to which this bill applies, already work at least 48 hours a week in slave-labor factories run by Unicor—or scrub floors, wash dishes, and clean toilets for 11¢ an hour. Those who do not work are generally exempted on medical grounds (and too often are dying of AIDS and tuberculosis), or are confined in overcrowded prisons where there are not enough jobs to go around.

The burgeoning lust for a return to slavery was also on display in the House, where Conservative Revolutionists were narrowly defeated in an attempt to turn federal mili-

tary installations into prison labor camps. Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.) introduced an amendment on June 14 to the Defense Department authorization bill to allow the use of state prison labor, providing "opportunities to preserve facilities and prevent deterioration where current funding is inadequate or wholly unavailable," and to "rehabilitate and train . . . prisoners at no cost, and in fact, great savings to the taxpayer."

Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-R.I.) took the floor in opposition, declaring that using state prison inmates would amount to "subsidizing them to take good jobs away from American workers." If that were to happen, he added, "there is nothing more that could be said about the Chinese and their slave labor problems over there. We will be no better than them, if we go down the direction that this amendment is asking us to go down." The amendment failed on a tie vote of 214-214.

Medical groups denounce aiding in executions

A revised Illinois law which shields doctors from discipline for taking part in executions, has been denounced by three of the nation's leading professional medical organizations, according to Associated Press. The American College of Physicians, the American Nurses Association, and the American Public Health Association urged the American Medical Association to condemn the statute, which in effect permits doctors to violate their Hippocratic Oath to protect human life, with legal immunity from AMA discipline.

"The governor and legislature cannot say that something is acceptable medical practice [participating in executions] . . . that is universally condemned by the profession itself as unethical and immoral," said Dr. Ann Marie Dunlap, a member of the ACP. The three groups registered their opposition to the law at the recent annual policy meeting of the AMA's House of Delegates in Chicago. A vote was to be held before the meeting concluded on June 22. The AMA is already on record opposing the use of health care personnel at executions.