

National News

Ex-congressman probed for arms kickbacks

According to the *Dallas Morning News*, former Texas U.S. Rep. Charles Wilson, the foremost advocate of the Afghan mujahideen in the 1980s, is under investigation for having taken kickbacks from arms manufacturers. The Justice Department investigation came to light after a Swiss court ruled that the U.S. government could obtain access to Swiss bank records, which are usually kept secret. It was said in the 1980s, that whenever the CIA would ask for an appropriation to provide covert aid to the Afghan anti-Soviet resistance, Wilson would double the amount of the appropriation. Officially, U.S. aid to the Afghan "freedom fighters" was well over \$1 billion; this amount was augmented by proceeds of the rapidly expanding drug trade.

According to Swiss court records, a company that provided anti-aircraft weapons, paid Wilson and his unidentified partner a commission of between \$3.5 and 4 million. Wilson has denied the charges.

As *EIR* and other sources have documented, the Afghan war, covertly financed by both U.S. and British intelligence agencies, not only spurred a meteoric rise in the amount of heroin coming into the United States, but it also spawned most of the so-called "Islamic terrorist" groups now deployed by the British.

EIR releases Special Report on Windsors

Executive Intelligence Review released its latest *Special Report*, "The True Story Behind the Fall of the House of Windsor," late last month. The report, which was rushed into print in the aftermath of the Aug. 31 murder of Diana, Princess of Wales, reprints three in-depth studies published since 1994, and includes as an Epilogue, our Sept. 12, 1997 cover-story, "Can the House of Windsor Survive Diana's Death?"

In his Letter of Transmittal, Counterintelligence Editor Jeffrey Steinberg wrote: "Beginning with the Oct. 28, 1994 issue of *Executive Intelligence Review*, which featured 'The Coming Fall of the House of Windsor,' *EIR* has been both the chief source for intelligence on the troubles of the British monarchy, and a major player in creating those troubles. The analysis of the role of Prince Philip within the Club of the Isles, which was presented by founding editor Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., in that issue, became the basis for a series of documentary studies which showed the pivotal role of the British monarchy in creating the environmentalist movement, the terrorist international, and a series of geopolitical conflicts around the globe. . . .

"*EIR* followed up the first study with its May 24, 1996 issue, devoted entirely to profiling the global British Empire: 'The Sun Never Sets on the New British Empire.'

"The third study in the series, published Aug. 22, 1997 under the title 'Britain's "Invisible" Empire Unleashes the Dogs of War,' provided even more extensive documentation of the ongoing war which the British Empire is waging to seize the mineral wealth of the planet, and to destroy that nation-state uniquely capable of stopping the Empire's designs: the United States."

The 224-page report is available for \$75 from EIR News Service, order number EIR 97-004.

Pennsylvanians briefed on horrors of workfare

Pennsylvania State Sen. Vincent Hughes invited New Yorkers to address a public meeting in Philadelphia on New York City's slave-labor Work Experience Program (WEP). The Sept. 29 forum, held in the Philadelphia City Council chambers, had been called to build support for Hughes's proposed legislation to create 10,000 jobs for welfare recipients at prevailing wage, rather than for below minimum-wage welfare checks.

New York City Councilman Stephen DiBrienza (D-Brooklyn), who chairs the Gen-

eral Welfare Committee, was a featured speaker. DiBrienza documented the use of WEP workers, who are taken from the welfare rolls, as a free labor force to replace unionized city workers. WEP, he said, "is fostering the creation of a permanent underclass. . . . You do not want this program in Pennsylvania." His report was bolstered by three WEP workers, who recounted horror stories of inhumane treatment, deaths, and injuries. One of them is the leader of "WEP Workers United," which is trying to create an alliance with the trade unions.

Hughes's bill would pay a minimum of \$6 an hour or prevailing wage, and provide health benefits and child care. It includes provisions to prevent JOBS workers from replacing regular employees, and gives them the right to join a union. His proposal has the backing of many unions, community, and religious groups, including the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Spannaus: Frank Wolf backing war vs. Sudan

LaRouche Democrat Nancy Spannaus, who is running for Congress in Northern Virginia's 10th C.D. to unseat Conservative Revolution darling Frank Wolf, bluntly exposed Wolf's "human rights" drive against Sudan as a front for British genocide. "Not only is he grandstanding for his British controllers at Christian Solidarity International," she said in a Sept. 30 statement, "in an attempt to destroy vital U.S. relations with China, but he is now part of the drive to expand Museveni's bloody war in Central Africa. Hypocrite Frank Wolf has got to be stopped."

She continued, "To my knowledge, Frank Wolf has not lifted a finger to halt, or expose, the genocide carried out by Museveni's legions in Congo-Zaire. This was genocide carried out with an intensity rivaling that of Hitler, and the atrocities continued to go on. Yet he was silent.

"Wolf refused to condemn the invasion of Sudan last January, which was carried out from Ethiopia and Eritrea, and resulted in

THE FBI'S "shoot to kill" policy during the 1992 standoff at Ruby Ridge, Idaho was "a gross deviation from Constitutional principles, and a wholly unwarranted return to a lawless and arbitrary Wild West school of law enforcement," according to a Sept. 25 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

WHITE HOUSE spokesman Mike McCurry responded to a question about House Speaker Newt Gingrich's trying to blame the Clinton administration for the IRS, with the quip that, since Gingrich "is probably one institution in American political life less popular than the IRS, the more he wants to get up and talk, I guess, the better off we are. . . . I'd encourage him to continue to be out there, and be the front man for the Republican Party on this issue, as much as he wants to."

MADELEINE ALBRIGHT, Secretary of State, again criticized the plans of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to build 300 housing units in Palestinian areas, at a UN press conference on Sept. 25: "When I was there, I called for a time-out. . . . And I am calling on Prime Minister Netanyahu to honor that time-out."

MICHAEL REAGAN, the former President's son, thumped the tub for "election campaign reform," on his nationally syndicated talk show recently, by frothing about matching funds paid to Lyndon LaRouche's Presidential campaign. "We paid Lyndon LaRouche, *who was in jail*, to run for office!" sputtered Reagan, who neglected to say that the candidate had been railroaded by his father's vice president.

THE CLINTON administration took several steps in moving forward the Northern Ireland peace process, including announcing that Mrs. Clinton will go to Belfast at the end of October for a ceremony honoring the late peace activist Joyce McCarten, and that Clinton has released \$19.6 million as the U.S. 1997 contribution to the International Fund for Ireland.

grisly violations of human rights. And now that the forces who failed in that invasion, are gathering in Washington, D.C., to seek support for new military aggression, Frank Wolf is part of the lobby supporting those efforts."

Wolf is a member of the international board of referents of Christian Solidarity International, headed by Lady Caroline Cox, a deputy speaker of the British House of Lords. Cox's group specializes in using claims of religious persecution to cover for hostile intervention in furtherance of British geopolitical aims.

'Rich kooks' horning in on U.S. foreign policy

Los Angeles Times contributing editor Walter Russell Mead, profiled the "privatization" of foreign policy by very wealthy U.S. citizens, in an editorial page commentary on Sept. 28. The three "men with money" are Irving Moskowitz, who is privately financing a housing project for a fanatical Jewish sect in Arab East Jerusalem; Cable News Network owner Ted Turner, who lavished \$1 billion on the UN last year; and George Soros, whom Mead identifies as the man, "charged by the prime minister of Malaysia with destabilizing his nation's stock and currency markets, and whose 'Open Society' projects have attracted controversy for high-profile political philanthropy ranging from support for democracy in Eastern Europe to support of last year's medical marijuana referendum in California."

"The importance of these three individuals," Mead wrote, "dramatizes one of the major trends of our time: the retreat of the state. A generation ago . . . economic activity was tightly regulated at both the national and international levels. . . . Core government activities, like the administration of justice and the provision of order, are increasingly moving into private hands. Gated enclaves with private security police are increasingly common; so are private, for-profit prisons. Abroad, for-profit mercenaries fight wars, foil (or foster) coups and maintain order for foreign investors in turbu-

lent countries. . . . As the activities of private, free-lancers like Soros, Turner and Moskowitz show, even the world's most powerful governments are losing their monopoly on the conduct of foreign affairs."

Mead concludes: "Rich kooks with big egos and no constituency can cause major-league trouble when they butt into matters they don't understand."

N. Korean defectors try to deter U.S. food aid

The neo-conservative U.S. Defense Forum Foundation and the South Korean embassy paraded around two North Korean defectors in late September, to push the British line that the U.S. should withhold food aid from starving North Korea for political gain. The two, former diplomat Young-Hwan Ko, and Army Col. Joo-Hwai Choi, defected years ago and work at the Korean CIA's Research Institute for North Korean Affairs in Seoul. There was no reason given for their visit, other than to stop the growing concern in Washington over the severity of the famine in the North. The specific line coming from Anglophile layers is that there should be no government-to-government aid, which would only go to feed North Korea's military, which is being presented as a major threat to the West and an elite class at home.

Choi promoted the British line that foreign food aid goes first to military stockpiles, and added that the rationing system only applies to the "common people." In response to a question from *EIR* regarding conditionalities for food aid, Choi said, "I think it's too early for food aid. There are other problems that have to be solved first." Among these is the human rights situation, including 200,000 political prisoners. "They have to change this before we talk about food aid," he said. Also, he said, North Korea has to get rid of its stockpile of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, and cut down its military spending and the size of its army. "Without addressing these problems, it's clear where the food aid will go," he said.