

# National News

## Atlantic Council want RDF

At a special press briefing May 22, Secretary of State Alexander Haig praised a recently released report by the Atlantic Council of Paris on NATO's "out of area" (outside the European theater) deployments. The report supports the State Department's Rapid Deployment Force policy, and was written by many of Haig's current subordinates.

A State Department spokesman said, "We want NATO to support the RDF," adding that the report hopes that NATO will become reoriented toward support operations in Third World conflict zones, particularly in view of crises caused by overpopulation and scarce resources.

The Atlantic Council report also supports Haig and Defense Secretary Weinberger's calls for Europe to upgrade logistical and reserve readiness to be able to fill gaps left by U.S. troops pulled out for the RDF.

The members of the Council's panel of experts included a heavy concentration of current Haig State Department employees: Richard Burt, political and military affairs chief; Eugene Rostow, arms control negotiator; Ann Hollick, head of policy assessment; and Bob McPharland, State Department counselor. Other panel members included AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland and just-retired West Point commandant General Goodpaster, a former NATO commander.

## Predict major outbreak of terrorism in U.S.

A newly reconstituted Puerto Rican and Chicano terrorist network may be gearing up for a new outbreak of terrorism in the U.S., according to *EIR's Investigative Leads*. *IL* says the outbreak would be touched off by a successful outcome

of the upcoming meeting between Mexican President López Portillo and U.S. President Reagan.

Included in the reactivated terrorist networks are the FALN support committees, now agitating around 11 jailed FALN members in Illinois who have been allegedly tortured and brainwashed while in prison; and the Hispanic Commission of the Episcopal Church in New York, which has gone "underground." In 1977, the commission was exposed as running FALN activities in New York. Police sources now report evidence that the Hispanic Commission was directing the recent wave of FALN bombings in New York.

Reports from the Southwest indicate that Chicano terrorist networks are preparing for a "Vietnam at the border" between the U.S. and Mexico, including the Arizona farmworkers, the Denver-based Crusade for Justice, and networks connected to Mario Cantu. Cantu is reported to have re-established the old 23rd of September League publication *Otro Por Que*. Police sources further report that ties have been established between these Chicano groups and the Puerto Rican groups.

## Detroit fiscal crisis to lead to 'restructuring'

The city of Detroit will end the fiscal year on June 30 with a \$120 million deficit, and a projected deficit for next year of at least \$135 million. Facing a bankruptcy like New York City's six years ago, Detroit is being readied for the "Big MAC" treatment.

Mayor Coleman Young expects to be hit with a court order to begin putting money into city employees' pension funds, which the city has been unable to do for the last 15 months. Young is also planning to have city workers defer a contracted 6 percent wage increase, and to cut wages an additional 5-7 percent as well. Police are already down 35 percent from four years ago, and the number of sanitation workers has been cut two-thirds.

To offset the expected deficits, Young is hoping to pass a voter referendum to raise income taxes by \$100 million, without which a default is quite probable. If Detroit defaults, the state of Michigan will have its credit rating destroyed as well.

It is unlikely that voters will pass such a referendum, and as one inside source noted, a collapse of city services would mean that "the National Guard would be called out" to quell civil disorder.

But the UAW's Irving Bluestone, a leading member of the Socialist International, has a solution. He advocates wage-price controls and heavy defense spending for Michigan, with a large segment of the auto industry retooled to produce military hardware. According to Bluestone, Felix "Big MAC" Rohatyn's Reconstruction Finance Corporation is "the only way to go, it will make things like in Sweden." And the resulting austerity, he noted, can be blamed on the Reagan administration.

## Reagan hails West Point leadership tradition

President Reagan bypassed Haig-style anti-Soviet bombast in his second speech since the March assassination attempt this week to 900 graduating West Point cadets in New York. Reagan emphasized, instead, his election mandate for reviving America's industrial and military leadership, although the national press ignored some of his best comments.

Reagan invoked the memory of West Point's great military city-builder, General Douglas MacArthur, and called West Point "the nation's principal source of professionally trained engineers." Six astronauts, two Presidents and several of the most important civil engineers in U.S. history have been West Point graduates, Reagan pointed out.

The President stressed the revival of America's national sense of purpose at the end of World War II when, he said, "we prevented what could have been a

retreat into the dark ages." Later, he said, "at Trophy Point, I am told, there are links of a great chain that was forged and stretched across the Hudson River to prevent the British fleet from penetrating further into the valley. Today you are that chain, holding back an evil force that would extinguish the light we've been tending for 6,000 years."

## Justice gears up case against Williams

The Justice Department is proceeding with its case against Teamsters interim president Roy Williams, and has even enlisted United Autoworkers President Doug Fraser. Speaking before a group of labor reporters May 27 in Washington, Fraser called for Williams to resign from his post until he has been acquitted.

Meanwhile, Doug Roller, special attorney in charge of the Chicago Organized Crime Strike Force, announced that he is sending the evidence used to indict Williams to the Senate Ethics Committee for review. The committee has announced hearings for this week that will focus on Nevada Sen. Howard Cannon, a target of the Pendorf investigation along with Williams. Cannon, along with the Teamsters, has opposed trucking deregulation.

Sources close to the Williams case have indicated that since the conspiracy charges are very weak, it is necessary to go after Cannon in order to strengthen the case against Williams. The Justice Department had already sent Cannon a letter saying they were not going to indict him. Hence, the Senate Ethics Committee hearings are needed to get up a case.

Also furthering the climate of Abscam/Brilab hysteria, the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee has just sent out of committee a bill to automatically force the resignation of any indicted union official from office before the official is convicted of any felony. This would supersede the law requiring resignation only after all ap-

peals had been exhausted.

Finally, two new Brilab cases in Houston have been announced, with Justice indictments of six union leaders.

## Administration committed to a 'war on drugs'

Attorney General William French Smith, in a speech May 27 before the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) in Washington, reaffirmed the Reagan administration's commitment to wage an effective war on drugs. Smith noted that the U.S. is in the grips of a crime "epidemic" with the \$78 billion a year traffic in illegal drugs a major cause.

"Law enforcement and national defense are the two most basic reasons for the existence of government. . . . The Department of Justice and the entire administration will give a new and overdue emphasis to our domestic defense," Smith told the FOP.

The attorney general stated, "During the last four years, drug enforcement was simply not a priority of the previous administration. . . . In this administration, the enforcement of the law and in particular controlling the trafficking in narcotics will be a major concern."

Smith said there will be three main emphases to this antidrug offensive: international cooperation, border interdiction, and domestic enforcement. The attorney general's speech before the FOP backs up the recent initiatives made by presidential counselor Edwin Meese, who in recent weeks has begun to stress the importance of cracking down on the narcotics problem in the U.S., including attacks on the ACLU for defending drug traffickers.

In addition to bills introduced recently by Senators Thurmond and Helms to stiffen criminal penalties for federal drug offenses, the administration is reported to be pressuring the Jamaican and Colombian governments to adopt the "Mexican model" as an effective means of combatting drugs, including interdiction and spraying of marijuana and poppy fields.

## Briefly

● **ENERGY** Secretary James Edwards has denounced the "liberal media" for helping to destroy the nation, in a speech May 27 before the Columbia, S.C. Chamber of Commerce. Edwards singled out the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*, "and the rest of the press just picks that up, instead of doing their own work. They believe in the Ted Kennedys and Tip O'Neills. They are the ones who got America in the shape it is today."

● **JOHN MCCARRELL**, chairman of the Pittsburgh to Cleveland Committee, is seeking to promote the building of a waterway to connect the two cities to start an "industrial renaissance in the area." The proposed canal is an idea that dates to the time of George Washington. Enabling legislation has recently been introduced by Pennsylvania Sen. Edward Zemprelli and Rep. Joseph Kolter. At a press conference May 27, McCarrell, accompanied by UMW official Sam Neff and Pittsburgh building trades official Nick Steponovich, said "Some people will come up with a snail darter or a clam to protect and put them on the endangered species list. Well, the steelworkers are already on this and we have a plan here to protect them."

● **DAVID BROWER** of Friends of the Earth, a former director of the very moral environmentalist group the Sierra Club, was terminated by the Sierra Club in 1968 after he was charged with unlawfully attempting to divert Sierra Club funds into his own pockets, *EIR* has learned.

● **WALTER MONDALE** met with French Socialist leaders this week in Paris, according to the French magazine, *Le Point*.