

National News

Shultz and Baker move to oust Donovan

Although he is meeting with intense White House resistance, Secretary of State George Shultz, aided by White House Chief of Staff James Baker III, is reported to be in the forefront of a movement aimed at ousting Secretary of Labor Ray Donovan.

Shultz, according to sources close to the AFL-CIO, is said to have devised a scheme for selling the idea to the President. A long-time intimate of the AFL-CIO "Research Division" and Lane Kirkland dating back to his 1969 tenure as Secretary of Labor, Shultz, in league with Kirkland, heavily promoted in presidential circles a so-called jobs plan recently put forth by Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis which would impose a five-cent tax on gasoline at the pump in order to fund a reputed "infrastructural" renewal program. Under the plan, new jobs would be "created" in repairing roads, bridges, and tunnels.

Shultz is trying to convince the President that if he "goes for" the AFL-CIO sponsored program, he might secure the endorsement of AFL-CIO Building Trades President Robert Georgine for 1984. The AFL-CIO "infrastructure" plan would largely provide jobs for construction workers and other building trades employees. Shultz, supported by Baker, is, however, said to have informed the President that the White House would also have to fire Donovan in order to secure Building Trades support.

Byrd makes deal to support Volcker

Senate Minority Leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia is coordinating a four-way deal among the Democratic Party clique around Charles Manatt, Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, a grouping inside the administration, and AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland to force an austerity and monetary policy package through Congress early next year.

Senator Byrd will seek passage of legislation supporting the Fed's monetary policy. The legislation has been cleared by Volcker and by James Baker III. It will be backed up, said a spokesman for the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, by a slight lowering of interest rates.

But a drop in interest rates by a few points will not promote a recovery, Byrd's aide admits. "Interest rates must be perceived as continuing to fall or we risk some kind of social explosion," said Byrd's aide. "The Fed knows this, and the markets expect it."

In exchange for the cosmetic lowering of interest rates, Volcker is reportedly demanding severe cuts in the budget, especially in defense, and a rollback of the Reagan tax cuts. "If we are going to cut the budget more, we have to keep people thinking that interest rates are coming down," the Committee spokesman said. "The election showed that they won't accept new cuts any other way."

As the final part of this package, Baker and George Shultz are trying to convince the President to re-appoint Volcker for another year as Fed chairman when his term expires in August 1983. Byrd is lined up to guarantee Volcker's confirmation by the Senate.

LaRouche: 'AFL-CIO must fire Kirkland'

EIR founder Lyndon LaRouche demanded that the AFL-CIO fire its president, Lane Kirkland, in a statement issued Nov. 13. "Rumors have reached my office that AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland, the single individual most responsible for the world depression because of his support for the usurious interest-rate policies of Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, is now working [with Senate Minority Leader Robert Byrd] on drafting a bill that supports the Volcker [monetary] policy," LaRouche said. "The labor movement must move immediately to fire Kirkland, . . . a member and protégé of David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission, has been the leading U.S. defender of Volcker's policies. . . . He has caused the loss of more jobs than Herbert

Hoover.

According to latest available government figures, U.S. unemployment now stands at 10.4 percent. A recent *EIR* study puts actual unemployment—including part-time workers, those dropped from the unemployment rolls, and many others—at 20 million. Figures for the developing sector are far worse.

Kirkland's aides report that he has met with Volcker on a number of occasions, and lobbied against any congressional action condemning the Fed's policies.

"Kirkland has supported Volcker by the 'Kissinger method'—outright thuggery through complicity of his friends in organized crime," LaRouche asserted. "AFL-CIO officials openly bragged to investigators of Kirkland's role in a conspiracy run by Henry Kissinger and organized crime boss Roy Cohn to assassinate my wife, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, a public figure in the Federal Republic of Germany. Kirkland's first thug moves against me and my wife began after Kirkland realized I was the leading figure in the growing anti-Volcker movement around the world."

Sun-Times demands death of black child

Sheila Jones, National Democratic Policy Committee-supported candidate for mayor of Chicago, issued a statement Nov. 16 denouncing the role of the Chicago *Sun-Times* newspaper in promoting ending life-support to a seven-month-old black child hospitalized after a serious accident.

The *Sun-Times* reported Nov. 1 that Loyola Medical Center was suing to have the child taken off the life-support system against the parents' wishes. Jones called a press conference to state that this was the euthanasia policy carried out in Nazi Germany, and to recognize Judge Walter P. Dahl's order to keep the child alive for at least another week.

But in his Nov. 4 coverage of the situation, *Sun-Times* reporter Tom McNamee alleged that the parents did not want the child taken off life support because the child had been abused. His innuendo was then report-

ed as fact by *Sun-Times* reporter Lyn Sweet, who wrote, "A hospital Wednesday was told by an appeals court to continue to keep alive by artificial means a baby whose brain stopped functioning after he was beaten."

"It is not by accident that Lyn Sweet is the same reporter who wrote the most sickening, fawning article about Prince Philip's trip to Chicago," Jones stated. "Prince Philip is the most outstanding advocate of reducing the world's population by 2 billion persons by the year 2000—aimed at the population of the developing sector, and blacks and Hispanics in the advanced sector. . . . The *Sun-Times* thought they could blackmail the parents into agreeing to pull the plug with the threat of branding them with child abuse."

The *Sun-Times* assertion Nov. 4 that Alex Haymer had been beaten came 10 days after the child was first taken to Palos Community Hospital Oct. 21 by his father after he rolled out of his infant seat and fell. The parents were told Oct. 24 by neurosurgeon Timothy Scarff that tests indicated that the baby's brain was dead, and he requested permission to turn off the respirator. When they refused, Loyola Medical Center, to which the child had been transferred, filed a petition Oct. 29 to remove Alex from the respirator, which was heard Nov. 1. There was no mention of child abuse until the Nov. 4 *Sun-Times* article. The child's fate will be decided in Appellate Court.

FEF holds seminar on beam weapons

Sixty-two people, including 22 from congressional offices, attended a standing-room-only Fusion Energy Foundation Capitol Hill seminar on the need for a beam-weapon development program. Dr. Steven Bardwell and Paul Gallagher outlined Lyndon LaRouche's new peace movement, explained the strategic and economic promise of beam-weapon development, and attacked the nuclear freeze movement.

Some congressmen who are strong nuclear freeze advocates, such as Reps. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) and Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) were taken by surprise when Gallagher

quoted Ramsey Clark, who said that the freeze is a movement against technology; Jonathan Schell, who approvingly described the freeze as an attack on national sovereignty; and Arthur Westing, who has called for conventional buildup. Rep. Joe Moakley's (D-Mass.) office, another freeze supporter, attended because they have a bill in congress to start negotiations on treaty limitations on such deployments of space technologies. Rep. Carl Pursell's (R-Mich.) office attended because of their interest in fusion, and the fusion program in their district. Post-industrial advocates such as Rep. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) attended; Reps. Ben Gilman (R-N.Y.) and Frank Wolfe (R-Va.) both indicated that constituents wanted them there. Various Armed Service Committee members came, including Reps. Dave McCurdy (D-Okla.) who is "pro-defense" but are looking for a viable way to preserve the peace; Marjorie Holt (R-Md.); Tom Foglietta (D-Pa.); and Marvin Leath (D-Tex.). Some offices attended looking for a way to politically defuse the nuclear freeze; others were seeking arguments and alternatives to some of the current defense programs as a way of cutting the budget; and still others were looking for a new leg to the nuclear defense triad as the land leg becomes more "vulnerable." Other offices attending included Reps. Norman Lent (R-N.Y.); Hank Brown (R-Colo.); Ike Andrews (D-N.C.), who also asked for legislation; Chalmers Wylie (R-Ohio); Corcoran (R-Ill.); and Senators Garn (R-Utah); Grassley (R-Iowa); and Laxalt (R-Nev.).

Ten individuals attended from the administration, representing the Peace Corps, State Department, OMB, Department of the Army, the Department of Energy, General Services Administration, Health and Human Services, and the National Defense University. Military associations such as the American Defense Preparedness Association and the Navy League were also present. Thirteen attended from 10 embassies including: the German Democratic Republic; U.S.S.R.; People's Republic of China; Pakistan; Turkey; Korea; The Netherlands; Iraq; Austria; and Yugoslavia. Six reporters came, including *Aviation Week*, *Air Force Times*, *Congressional Quarterly*, *Aerospace Daily*, *People's Daily* (P.R.C.), and *Voice of America*.

Briefly

● **NEW YORK TIMES** publisher Arthur Sulzberger has called for the end of the "fairness doctrine" under which television and radio broadcasters are required to give equal time to the various participants in an electoral campaign in a speech at Columbia University Nov. 17. Sulzberger was at the university to receive its Alexander Hamilton medal for "distinguished service and accomplishment."

● **KERMIT LAUGHTON**, the DOE official in charge of commercial plutonium reprocessing, told the American Industrial Forum Nov. 17 that "administration support at the highest levels" already exists, but the industry is "conspicuously silent" on the matter. The administration is considering a DOE proposal to budget \$250 million to buy plutonium for reprocessing at the Barnwell facility, if and when that half-finished plant comes on line.

● **MAX DEAN**, a leader of the National Democratic Policy Committee in Michigan, was elected one of 23 members of the Genesee County Michigan Democratic Party Executive Committee the week of Nov. 8. Dean is a long-time leader of the Democratic Party in Flint, Michigan, and in the Flint NAACP.

● **SOVIET SCIENCE** award goes to American Robert W. Freyman, the first non-Soviet to be so honored by the Murmansk Polar Geophysics Institute. Institute head N. A. Gorokhov presented the medal to Freeman for experimental work in Alaska confirming predictions by Soviet theoreticians on the phenomenon of long-delay radio waves.

● **McGEORGE BUNDY**, addressing a New York University alumni meeting, was asked if he supports Edward Teller's proposal to develop anti-missile beam weapons within five years. "I've been told we can't develop this sort of thing in this century," he replied. "Rarely do I agree with Teller. The Soviets don't have a lead in this area."