

# National News

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## CBS, *Post* boost groups threatening President

CBS's "60 Minutes" host Mike Wallace and the *Washington Post* both began building public support the first week in November for a strange operation being run by a group called "Committee for Creative Non-Violence" (CCNV), headed by Mitch Snyder. CCNV has been running a series of so-called protest actions at the White House using psychologically unstable and potentially highly dangerous individuals whom it dubs "vagrant bag people."

Counterintelligence specialists regard the CCNV "protest actions" as security-profiling deployments. *EIR* first became aware of the operation when its D.C. offices were threatened by an individual calling himself "Mr. X," who said that he had been involved in several assassinations, that he lives at a flop-house run by CCNV, and that he is in touch with the *Washington Post*.

Snyder's CCNV is being backed by the Jesuit Order's Washington-based Christic Institute (which otherwise runs the Greensboro Defense Fund for the terrorist Communist Workers' Party); the Covington and Burlington law firm (whose members include Dave McGiffert, an associate of the Soviet KGB-connected "est" cult); and William Wendt of the Washington Episcopal Cathedral (which works with the "Old Catholic Church.").

On Nov. 3, *The Washington Post* released stories boosting a forthcoming CBS "60 Minutes" special "designed to build middle-class audience support" for CCNV and Snyder's "bag-people protest actions" at the White House. Mike Wallace himself describes Snyder as a "fanatic," and Snyder told the *Washington Post* that "some of these people could kill you, but I'm concerned because of such suffering and hunger." One CCNV woman, who has been camped out at the White House under CCNV's auspices for three years, was recently moved out of Lafayette Park when the Parks Department changed rules because they consider her a "threat to the White House." The woman

has been represented in 18 arrests by Covington and Burlington.

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## NBC News head attacks the Constitution

NBC News president Lawrence Grossman recently attacked the Electoral College system, implying that it interferes with the television networks' ability to call election results.

This news was reported by *Chicago Tribune* columnist Raymond Coffey on Nov. 4, writing under the headline "Next, a made-for-TV Constitution?" Coffey reports on the controversy over whether the networks should start making projections about presidential election results before all the polls have closed. In the past, such reporting has convinced many West Coast voters that it wasn't worth voting, since by the time they were ready to cast their votes the networks had already projected a winner, based on early East Coast returns. Both the House and the Senate passed resolutions this year asking the three major networks to refrain voluntarily from "projecting" or "characterizing" results until the polls close.

"What is intriguing to me about the controversy this year," Coffey writes, "is the hint—from Lawrence K. Grossman, president of NBC News—that the real problem is the U.S. Constitution. At a Senate hearing on the issue . . . Grossman observed: 'The fault lies in the Electoral College system which provides for 51 separate presidential elections rather than one national election.' Grossman was referring, of course, to the constitutionally ordained process by which presidents are elected not on total popular vote but by Electoral College votes. . . . By implication at least he seemed to be suggesting that we could all make life more comfortable for the networks if we would just amend the Constitution to eliminate the Electoral College.

"We have already," comments Coffey, "gone too far in accommodating our political system to the demands and values of

television. . . . But it would really be going too far to even contemplate amending the Constitution to suit the inventors of exit polls."

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## LaRouche congratulates Reagan on victory

Lyndon Hermyle LaRouche, Jr., 1984 Independent Democratic presidential candidate, sent the following telegram of congratulations to Ronald Reagan following Reagan's record-breaking victory over Walter Mondale:

"As all sane men and women around the world suspect, I am secretly ecstatic about your landslide victory.

"During the recent days, my wife, Helga, and I have experienced recurring waves of personal grief at the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, the like I have never experienced before. Your personal victory today has lessened the weight of that grief, for reasons I believe you understand.

Above all else, keep yourself safe to be able to do the work which you must do. In my own peculiar way, I shall be doing the utmost within my means to ensure that your second administration accomplishes that lasting good which I believe it is your most essential desire to accomplish.

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## General Gorman is at it again

General Paul Gorman, commander of the U.S. military in Central America, is vigorously lobbying the administration to stage a new set of massive military exercises in the region in the immediate future. Gorman wants "to scare the daylights out of Nicaragua," according to administration officials cited in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on Nov. 6, which disclosed that Gorman would like the United States to replay the "Big Pine" exercises that have taken place in Honduras for the past two years and to conduct small-

er-scale naval exercises in the Gulf of Fonseca which separates Nicaragua and El Salvador.

Together with Ambassador Vernon Walters and the "Project Democracy" crew around AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland, Gorman has been one of the strongest pushers of the KGB disinformation line that the real security threat to the United States and the West lies not in Europe, but in Ibero-America, and that the United States must be prepared to escalate its military involvement in the area dramatically. According to one source quoted in the *Inquirer*: "Gorman wants to illustrate the U.S. commitment in the region. He wants to show that we are prepared to support our allies and friends—to show our friends in El Salvador as well as the Sandinistas in Nicaragua that we can move quickly if we have to."

Just how Gorman intends to treat U.S. allies in the area was made clear earlier this year, when the general publicly stated that the Mexican government is the most corrupt in the region, and that this presented a major security threat to the United States.

## The Republicans: 'Gay Old Party'?

An insider in Washington has warned that the next round of propaganda from the press in the capital is going to focus on an effort to legitimize homosexuality as a main-stream phenomena within the Republican Party. The source warned that the *Washington Times* would be leading the campaign, as a follow-up to its editorial support for drug use, and would feature "new-right" figures such as Terry Dolan of NCPAC as exemplars of this queer new politics.

*Washington Weekly* opened the closet door with a front-page article which asserts that not only are the homosexual Republican clubs growing faster than the homosexual Democratic clubs, but the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club stopped a voter registration drive it was conducting in Washington's homosexual bars when it realized that a large number of people they were register-

ing were registering as Republicans!

Homosexual journalist Perry Deane Young is quoted reporting the statements of one Richard Anderson who claims to have had sex with Terry Dolan and reports that a fairly hefty proportion of the younger Republican operatives are homosexual. "I've been to parties with these people and I've had sex with some of them. . . ."

William Rusher is mentioned as one who believes there is a place for homosexuals in the Republican Party: "As far as I know," Rusher said, "the Republican Party has never taken a stand hostile to homosexuals." And he adds that homosexuals are so in tune with Republicans on pocketbook issues [sic] that they will overlook the Moral Majority.

## Liberals gain in congressional races

Despite Reagan's impressive victory, congressional results are less than encouraging to the President. Although there were gains in both houses, these have been significantly offset by losses of conservative Democrats and the election of some super-liberal Democrats and Republicans, such as Jay Rockefeller and Tom Harkin.

If Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) decides not to become chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, then ultra-liberal arms-controller Sen. Charles Mathias (R-Md.) will assume that position.

KGB Democrats won three Senate races and ended up with a net gain of two seats, leaving the GOP with a 53-47 edge. Albert Gore (D), whose father is a business partner of Armand Hammer, took Howard Baker's (R) vacated seat.

The House represents no real political gain for the White House. Despite some Republican gains—some merely replacing conservative Democrats who would have voted for the President's program anyway—the GOP has not received a working majority, and House Democratic leaders are warning Reagan that his legislative agenda will face even rougher going than it did during his last term.

## Briefly

● **RUMOR** has it that a civilian deputy defense secretary will soon be put in charge of the Strategic Defense Initiative—the program to develop beam-weapon defense systems—and that former Texas Governor Clements will be given the job. Clements was a deputy defense secretary under the Nixon administration.

● **EDITOR** William F. Buckley of the *National Review* revealed in his syndicated column Nov. 8 that his magazine had received a financial contribution of \$500 from Svetlana Stalin, the late Soviet dictator's daughter who was recently rehabilitated with full Russian citizenship. Buckley had long lunches with her and discussed her conversion to Russian Orthodoxy.

● **'REAGAN** faces a choice of historic proportions: to fight or embrace Thomas P. O'Neill," reads the nationally syndicated Evans and Novak column of Nov. 9, citing the failure of the Republicans to win many more seats in the House. The deal, they argue, will be made on the tax question and the budget deficit.

● **THE MX** missile will not pass the Senate again, said a Senate aide after reviewing the election results. He hastened to add: "Assuming that Reagan acts as he has in the past"—seeking to compromise the vital cold-start missile through the legislative body. That might change, the aide concurred, if Reagan responds to the mandate the voters gave him by appealing directly to the population to help him defeat the KGB-influenced Senate. The last vote on the missile was a 49-49 tie, broken in favor by Vice-President George Bush.

● **EVERY VOTER** probably had his own reasons for voting against Walter Mondale. One Arkansas voter told *EIR* that he was convinced by his experience squirrel-hunting. "I put a Mondale doll under the tree, and the squirrels immediately jumped down to the ground. They thought it was the biggest nut they ever saw."