

National News

U.S. found unprepared for low-intensity war

A Pentagon report has found the United States unprepared and lacking defined lines of coordination to act in the face of low-intensity conflict. The unclassified executive summary of the *Joint Low Intensity Conflict Project Final Report* and the project's *Resource Data Base* was released by the Pentagon Sept. 17, and it finds that:

"As a nation, we do not understand low-intensity conflict; we respond without unity of effort; we execute our activities poorly; and we lack the ability to sustain operations."

The authors demand that restrictions on U.S. aid to countries in debt to the United States be immediately lifted, in order to facilitate coordinated civil-military response to threats facing our allies. They also call for civil-military projects to stabilize targeted countries as the essence of strategy, and for a national publicity effort to educate the nation to the crisis posed by the low-intensity war facing the country.

California bishops denounce Proposition 64

California's 20 Roman Catholic bishops have issued a statement denouncing Proposition 64, the ballot referendum that would mandate elementary public health measures of quarantine and prevention against AIDS. Their statement calls it an "irrational, inappropriate, and misguided approach to a serious public health problem."

Issued Sept. 16 by the California Catholic Conference in Sacramento, the statement claims that fear generated by Proposition 64 "could undermine years of research and seriously hurt [health professionals'] ability to treat and find a cure for AIDS." It asserts that, were the proposal passed, "expertise and resources would be diverted to identifying, isolating and quarantining persons with AIDS rather than finding a cure,"

and that, in the process, "numerous California residents would be forced to endure or be the agents of repressive and discriminatory action."

The ballot proposition has "grave defects" and "threatens the civil rights of all persons in this state as well as the mutual trust and respect which characterize life in a civilized and humane society."

Meanwhile, California's Interfaith Council of AIDS Project Los Angeles, which held a press conference earlier this summer denouncing Proposition 64, plans a follow-up news conference Oct. 1. Scheduled speakers include Catholic Archbishop Roger Mahoney, Episcopal Bishop Oliver B. Garver, and Rabbi Allen Freehling, president of the Southern California Board of Rabbis.

CDC destroyed AIDS research

Investigators at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta have found evidence that research on the causes of AIDS and other viral diseases may have been deliberately ruined in at least five cases, says the Sept. 17 *New York Times*.

The *Miami Herald* published an article on Aug. 30 in which some scientists charged that research on AIDS had been sabotaged. Dr. Gary R. Noble, assistant director for science, confirmed that there had been tampering, in a letter to CDC Director Dr. James O. Mason.

Mason himself, however, was the target of the *Herald's* most serious charges, that he deliberately organized a cover-up of the true AIDS threat by classifying every case as indicative of a "risk group."

Link Weld to Boston terrorist newspaper

William Weld, recently confirmed by the Senate Judiciary Committee to head the Justice Department's Criminal Division, in-

vested thousands of dollars in a pro-terrorist "underground newspaper" in Boston, *EIR* investigators have learned. Weld was formerly the U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts.

Financial disclosure documents obtained by *EIR* reveal that the newly appointed Assistant Attorney General invested \$18,750 in Boston's *Real Paper*. Weld's investment was in partnership with David Rockefeller, Jr. who bought the newspaper to save it from bankruptcy.

Notorious as the most left-wing "alternative" newspaper in New England during the Vietnam War era, *The Real Paper's* editorial line was directed by the networks of the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) based in Washington. At that time, Chuck Fager was the leading "investigative reporter" with the *Real Paper* and worked with a broad network of KGB-connected journalists in a "Get LaRouche Task Force." Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche is *EIR's* founder.

The group included Andrew Kopkind, associate editor of the paper, who went on to form Liberation News Service, and Bo Burlingham, an operative of the Communist Party U.S.A. and leader of the American Deserter Movement. *EIR* exposed the network in its 1981 Special Report "The KGB Moles and the Heritage Foundation."

Heretics in Chicago rave against the Pope

"An efficient process is at work to force a kind of conformity" on the American Church, the *Washington Post* quotes Chicago church historian Martin E. Marty, in a front-page article Sept. 15. Marty and other "American Heresy" spokesmen are livid over the campaign by the Vatican to impose Catholicism on the American Catholic Church.

"There was a time when there were mixed signals from the Vatican. Now there is no longer even the appearance of a balance" between "progressives" and "traditionalists," the *Post* quotes Notre Dame theologian Richard McBrien. "The lay people are very angry."

A three-day conference on "The Voca-

tion of the Laity," which ended in Chicago Sept. 14, turned into a rally against the Vatican and in support of recently censured Father Charles Curran of Catholic University and the German heretic Hans Küng. The conference, supported by Cardinal Bernardin, supported "liberation theology" as a new ideology for Ibero-America.

Finally, the *Chicago Sun-Times* quoted priest Andrew Greeley, author of soft-porn novels which have grossed him millions, who had the following to say about the Vatican's expulsion of a member of the Jesuit Order for demanding the ordination of female priests: "That's the way the Nazis won World War II. [Joseph Cardinal] Ratzinger," Greeley raves, "follows the Grand Inquisitor instinct: 'Condemn, punish, ban, burn.'"

Union files suit to stop drug testing

A suit was filed Sept. 16 to block President Reagan's plan to test government workers for drug use, said George King, spokesman for the National Treasury Employees Union, which represents about 120,000 of the nation's 2.8 million federal employees. The suit seeks an injunction to halt the mandatory drug testing plan.

"No innocent federal worker should be subjected to this demeaning urine test. It robs them of their constitutional rights," said union president Robert Tobias.

The suit also requests a court order requiring publication of the executive order for public notice and comment, as outlined in the administrative procedure act.

But Assistant Attorney-General Richard Willard defended President Reagan's order of mandatory drug tests for federal workers Sept. 17 and denounced the suit. "We can defend this in court," Willard told a conservative activist group. "Opponents on this issue do not have the support of the American people. It's basically a fringe group composed of extreme civil libertarians like the ACLU and some government unions who, I think, may not even be adequately reflecting the views of their members."

Pat Robertson near declaring candidacy

"When at least 3 million registered voters sign petitions committing to pray, to work, and to give toward a campaign effort, I will seek the nomination of the Republican Party," said evangelist Pat Robertson in a letter to voters. "It is very literally up to you."

The letter came with petitions and "Robertson '88" bumper stickers enclosed and an appeal for a \$100 "gift" to Americans for Robertson as a sign of "tangible support," according to an Evans & Novak column appearing in the Sept. 13 *New York Post*.

Eisenhower Treasury chief: money-launderer?

Robert B. Anderson, Treasury Secretary under President Eisenhower, has been named in a federal money-laundering probe, according to the Sept. 17 *New York Post*.

Anderson, a Cabinet member and ambassador for three Presidents, who has also been linked to Reverend Moon's Unification Church, was a business partner of banker David Gould, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy and money-laundering charges. It has not been ascertained whether Anderson has been named as a target in the grand jury probe in Manhattan Federal Court, the *Post* says. Anderson, who now heads his own midtown investment firm, recently resigned as chairman of the Global Economic Action Institute, an organization funded by the Unification Church.

Both Gould and Anderson are listed as "financial advisers" to the Caribbean-based Commercial Bank & Trust. It had been formed by Gould and a Customs Service informant, who recommended that the real owners of the bank be listed as "financial advisers."

Gould pleaded guilty last October to conspiracy, failing to file tax returns, and illegally accepting deposits.

Briefly

● **AIR TRAFFIC** controllers at a California regional center have been told to enter a drug rehabilitation program or quit their jobs, the Federal Aviation Administration said Sept. 12. Of 34 air traffic controllers at Palmdale, who were moved to other jobs last month pending drug testing, 13 were found to be using drugs. The remaining 21 have been cleared of any involvement in drugs and have returned to their duties.

● **PRESIDENT REAGAN** revealed his legislative package for a war against drugs Sept. 15. The "Drug Free America Act of 1986" is quite similar to the bill passed last week by the House except in two areas: 1) The Reagan package retains the "posse comitatus" act, which prohibits the use of the military in arrest situations, and 2) it calls for repeal of laws prohibiting the prosecution of persons captured by law enforcement agents of the United States outside U.S. territory.

● **SLEEPING SICKNESS** has broken out near Houston, Texas. There are now 11 confirmed cases of St. Louis Encephalitis in Harris County, Texas, health authorities said Sept. 15. A 17-year-old girl and an 84-year-old man have been hospitalized in Baytown. Health officials are also investigating more reports of SLE within Houston city limits. The disease, usually transmitted by mosquitoes, most often proves fatal in the young, the elderly, and those with immune system deficiencies.

● **'PRETTY ABSURD,'** is the way Defense Secretary Weinberger described the amendment to the House drug bill requiring the Defense Department to close the nation's borders to illegal drugs within 45 days. "It is not discretionary." The President is "ordered to do it in much the same way that King Canute attempted to order the tides back. You have to have a complete naval and air blockade to do this."