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U.S. shipbuilding 'about to be extinct'

Edward Hood, president of the Shipbuilders Council of America, told Congress March 2 that "by decision and indecision, by word and action, the administration has evidenced a disposition to relegate commercial shipbuilding in the United States to extinction."

Hood told the House Subcommittee on Merchant Marine that only three merchant vessels were awarded to U.S. shipyards in 1982 and the current order book contains only 21 to be delivered by the end of 1984, with nothing thereafter.

The result, he said, is that production facilities are being idled, shipyard workers laid off, and "the shipbuilding industrial mobilization base is being critically weakened and national security threatened thereby."

While the Shipbuilders Council pinpoints the award of tax-deferred capital construction funds to foreign shipyards as the cause of the dismantling of U.S. shipbuilding capability, a policy which the Council says is in violation of the 1936 Merchant Marine Act, the crumbling of U.S. shipbuilding occurs within the large context of the depression slump in U.S. and world trade. That trade is expected to suffer another 12 to 15 percent decline in 1983.

Hollis catches closet Haydenites

The National Democratic Policy Committee-backed campaign of George Hollis for mayor of San Diego has disrupt plans to turn that California city into a second Santa Monica, the California city recently taken over by Tom Hayden and his Campaign for Economic Democracy (CED).

In the final days before the March 15 vote, Hollis has exposed the Hayden machine backing behind two of the major candidates—pseudo-Republican Roger Hedgecock, and liberal Democrat Maureen O'Connor. Ken Msejimi, the statewide

chairman of Hayden's CED, is listed as a Hedgecock backer, while Maureen O'Connor's husband was an early contributor when Hayden first embarked on his political career.

When Bill Cleador, the third major candidate, who is a traditionalist Republican, brought the Hayden connections into the open, based upon his own research, the San Diego Union came out with an editorial attack. "Cleador's indecent lapse" could bring the "smear genie" out of the bottle to pollute an otherwise "clean" mayoral race, the paper complained.

Hollis has established himself as a major candidate by challenging the "politics as usual" and bringing into the campaign such issues as the need for a crash program to develop a space-based beam weapon defense system for the United States.

NDPC prompts inquiry into AID policy

Responding to testimony delivered by the National Democratic Policy Committee on March 10, Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) instructed congressional staff to make inquiries into the Agency for International Development's unwillingness to support capital-intensive development projects in the developing sector.

An NDPC representative testifying before the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the overall direction of U.S. foreign aid, attacked the population-control policies of the State Department. The NDPC spokesman cited Egypt's efforts to develop capitalintensive agriculture and reported on *EIR* Editor Criton Zoakas' December visit to Egypt's new agricultural facilities and cities.

"But," the spokesman stated, "Egyptian officials expressed concern over the difficulty in gaining AID support for projects such as these."

Senator D'Amato responded that, while he did not agree with the NDPC's assertion that the population-control movement had an evil intent, he did state, "You have raised some valid points about our development programs. I will instruct staff to make inquiries of Mr. McPherson at AID about some of the issues you have raised that I support—

and others on this subcommittee support the ability of other nations to develop their own economies."

Laxalt says Reagan will run in '84

Republican Party national chairman Sen. Paul Laxalt told a party gathering in Chicago the first week of March that Ronald Reagan will definitely be a candidate for re-election in 1984.

Speaking at a fundraiser for GOP mayoral candidate Bernard Epton, Laxalt announded that he was "sick and tired" of false information about the President and his potential campaign being circulated by the media.

"Let me set things straight," Laxalt said. "I am going to run Ronald Reagan's re-election campaign in 1984. Ronald Reagan is running and that is that. . . . I know you guys in the media are going to twist things and talk about how the President is tired, how Nancy is tired, but I am telling you that Ronald Reagan is running for President in 1984"

Laxalt made his remarks before several dozen reporters and network television cameras. Not a single media outlet featured his remarks on the President's candidacy.

Moynihan spreads India disinformation

Unreconstructed colonialist Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) charged from the floor of the U.S. Senate that the pro-development Indian daily, *The Patriot*, was spreading Soviet disinformation.

In his March 7 speech, Monyihan claimed that the *Patriot* had published stories about a U.S. plot to balkanize India, stories which allegedly had originated in Moscow. He then went on to make a lengthy denunciation of Yuri Andropov and the Soviet KGB as masters of *dezinformatsiya* and manipulators of nations and public opinion.

Moynihan gave credance to the legitimacy of the separatist movements now

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threatening the stability of the Indian government. Most of their activities began as part of British methods of maintaining colonial rule.

Moynihan also cites the concurrence of the *Patriot* article with the opening of the New Delhi summit of the Non-Aligned nations, charging that the Soviet disinformation was motivated to fuel anti-American sentiment among Third World nations. Moynihan's attack on the *The Patriot* also coincides with the newspaper's coverage of the Club of Life's international organizing campaign for a new world economic order, to replace the current bankrupt financial structure.

Stockholm police: no security for LaRouches

The Stockholm city police stated on March 7 that they would not provide any security protection service for Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. Mr. LaRouche, the founder of *EIR* and a controversial figure in the U.S. Democratic Party, was invited to address a March 15 Stockholm conference on nuclear energy organized jointly by the FKU (Swedish Association for the Development of Nuclear Energy) and Utveckla Sverige ("Develop Sweden," an industrial group).

Stockholm municipal police superintendent Sven Parsson told a LaRouche representative that a decision had been taken by the State and Security Police not to provide any protection for Mr. and Mrs. LaRouche because "no danger" exists in Sweden. Mr. Parsson's declaration not only contradicts a reality recognized by international security and law enforcement agencies, but also contradicts his own statement March 4 to the same LaRouche representative, when he said "I know that there is a security problem involved." This attitude of the Swedish police also contradicts cooperative security services Mr. and Mrs. LaRouche recently received in France, Spain, and other countries.

The explicit refusal by the Stockholm police would place the LaRouches in potential danger of a terrorist or other attack, were they to visit Sweden. When Mr. LaRouche was in the Swedish city of Gothenburg in June of 1981, with socialist Prime Minister

Olof Palme out of power, LaRouche was afforded full police protection.

The Stockholm police turnabout is ascribed to a direct political intervention by the Palme government.

Population policy battle rages in administration

Global 2000 Report supporters in the Reagan administration are carrying on an intensive campaign to fire the administration officials they describe as "obstacles" to their policy to make elimination of people in the Third World the number-one National Security and foreign economic policy concern of the United States. A high-level official of the population-control movement leaked the details of this campaign to the press in early March, expressing her concern that unless her allies moderated their attempted purge, they themselves would be ousted from the administration.

This source, whose report was confirmed in essential details by several administration sources, reported that Secretary of State George Shultz, Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs W. Allen Wallis, and Deputy Secretary Kenneth Dam, hoped that their opponents—most notably Assistant Agency for International Development (AID) Administrator for Africa Francis Ruddy—could be fired in time for the United States to play a prominent role in promoting Malthusian policies at the World Population Conference, scheduled for the summer of 1984 in Mexico City.

The Shultz group is reported to be working with AID administrator Peter Mc-Pherson, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldridge, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, and others to guarantee that the administration's preparations for the summit are made at the State Department, rather than in the Department of Health and Human Services, where they would be directed by "pro-lifer" Marjorie Mecklenberg.

The source complained that Ruddy and others in the administration had blocked the Malthusians' attempts to support the use of depoprovara and other possible dangerous contraceptive drugs on non-white ethnic groups.

Briefly

- NUCLEAR FREEZE advocates Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), Rep. James Leach (R-Iowa), and Rep. Bill Green (D-N.Y.) met in the Senate Caucus Room March 10 with Soviet officials in a day long "People-to-People Dialogue" sponsored by the "Fund for New Priorities in America." The Fund, chaired by pro-terrorist attorney Ramsey Clark, claims credit for forming a number of "peace" organizations, including Admiral Gene LaRoque's Center for Defense Information, the Center for Economic Alternatives, and Business Executives for National Security. A featured speaker at the dialogue was former Sen. J. William Fulbright, a registered lobbying agent for Libya's Muammar Qaddafi.
- DEBRA FREEMAN, the National Democratic Policy Committee-backed candidate for Democratic nomination for Baltimore City Council President, had her life threatened by self-identified Jewish Defense League member Joseph Krome March 9. Krome, who has threatened the NDPC in the past, approached NDPC candidate Allan Ogden, also running for City council saying "I'd like to get up a defense fund to put a bullet through Debbie Freeman's head. I'd pay money to put out a contract to put a bullet through her head." The Baltimore Police Department is presently investigating Krome for the repeated threats against Freeman. However, Assistant U.S. Attorney in Baltimore David Irwin, and FBI Special Agent Dave Saynar in Baltimore both refused to take a complaint from Mrs. Freeman in regard to the threat.
- JEWISH DEFENSE League chairman Meir Jolawitz, along with 25 members armed with Uzi machine guns of his group, held a press conference in New York City the week of Feb. 28 to announce that the group would attack "Jew-haters" who engage in "attacks on Jewish institutions."

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