

National News

Project Democracy teams up with Eastern rite

A two-day Washington, D.C., conference entitled Religious Freedom East and West, which ended July 11, was sponsored by the Institute on Religion and Democracy of Michael Novak, assistant to U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick; the AFL-CIO's Penn Kemble; and the National Association of Evangelicals.

The conference included activists from Secretary of State George Shultz's Project Democracy, representatives of the Lutheran Church, and members of the Temple Mount Foundation project for religious warfare in Jerusalem.

A Swiss grouping included a half-dozen representatives of Nestlé, and Hans Stuckelberger, president of Christian Solidarity International, based in Zürich.

Project Democracy—a plan for foreign-policy “dirty tricks” outside the control of the White House—was represented by social democrats Novak, Kemble, and Tom Kahn, AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland's chief aide, and by several representatives of the American Enterprise Institute—which had been commissioned to co-sponsor the State Department's second Project Democracy conference. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Charles Fairbanks and Rep. Dante B. Fascell (D-Fla.), one of the leading congressional sponsors of the project, were also in attendance.

A featured speaker was Bishop Basil of the San Francisco Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church, the grandson of the last pre-Bolshevik patriarch of the Russian church.

The bishop was a BBC commentator on Russia for 25 years before joining the Orthodox priesthood; recently he took monastic vows, while continuing his commentaries for the Voice of America and the BBC.

Basil began by intoning, “Perhaps you have guessed from my appearance, I belong to quite an exotic world.” Invoking a “cross of suffering,” he justified Russian Orthodox Church collaboration with the KGB by stating that religious freedom has two apparently conflicting elements: the action of the opponents of the Marxist state, and the activity

of “those who try to keep the Church together.” These actions to preserve the church should never be criticized from outside Russia, he declared.

St. Anselm's Abbey hosts KGB conference

One Soviet delegate jumped up bellowing, “I don't like being called a KGB agent.” An American delegate, trying to be a wag, said, “Everyone who's a KGB agent, raise your hand.” Twenty hands went up.

The scene was July 11's public session of the Forum for U.S./Soviet Dialogue at St. Anselm's Benedictine Abbey in Manchester, New Hampshire, the latest of some 30 conferences being held throughout the United States to build the KGB's nuclear freeze/anti-beam-weapons campaign.

The 40 Soviet and 40 American delegates, isolated for a week in Benedictine cells, are experiencing “people to people” communication.

Published topics of the conference were arms control and disarmament, trade and economics, education, the media, and religious and cultural life.

Heavily represented in the Soviet delegation is the Komsomol, or Soviet “youth” organization, since the object of the forum is to concentrate on under-35 “movers and shakers” who will be the policymakers in the next 20 years.

After a week in New Hampshire, the Soviets will go to Harvard to speak at the JFK School of Government Affairs; then, in Washington, D.C., they will meet with the Federal Reserve, the Supreme Court chief justice, congressmen, the American Enterprise Institute, and the Brookings Institution. The Communications Workers of America will hold a banquet for them.

A representative of the Federal Reserve System, Warren Trepeta, was a delegate to the St. Anselm's conference. The personal assistant to Fed Board of Governors member Henry Wallich, the number-two man at the Fed, is worried that his connections will be published.

At the outset of the public session, two National Democratic Policy Committee members dominated the gathering of the 80

delegates and about 45 residents of Manchester. For 15 minutes, the two explained the unstated purpose of the conference. Forum organizers tried to stop the two by meekly asking, “May we speak now?” One of the NDPC members replied, “No,” and continued to explain to the audience the purpose of the week-long private session.

When the NDPC members were finally forced to leave, the Forum leaders shut down the public session, kicking out all the visiting townspeople, to give the delegates time to recover.

Chicago archdiocese promotes witches' cults

An ongoing investigation of Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, the controversial Chicago figure who steered approval of the nuclear freeze letter through the National Conference of Catholic Bishops this year, has uncovered a nest of pagan cultists in theological seminaries in San Francisco and Chicago.

Prominent in this cult-creating activity is Father Matthew Fox, a Dominican priest from Chicago now teaching at the Holy Name College in Oakland, California. Fox specializes in studies of the “Matriarchal” or “Right Brain” nature religions at Catholic institutions and has hired a self-proclaimed witch as a lecturer on “Feminine and Creation Theology.”

This witch, “Starhawk” (Miriam Simos), is a national leader of the neo-pagan Wicca cult movement, which first came to *EIR*'s attention through the infamous 1979-81 Atlanta murders of young boys.

Simos currently recruits women into “covens” from which they deploy into the so-called peace movement, including groups organizing to shut U.S. national science laboratories.

Father Fox denies any connection with nuclear freeze leader Cardinal Bernardin, but Fox muses, “It's very interesting that around the issue of nuclear war, a witch and a cardinal can come together.” Some groups in Wicca are known to include members of the Muammar Qaddafi-funded American Indian Movement (AIM) and the Native American Treaty Council. Under guidance from the Jesuit order and others, these In-

dian groups are playing up their "native earth-centered religions."

One of Wicca's San Francisco leaders, Marion Zimmer Bradley, is the author of a novel currently on the *New York Times* best-seller list, *Mists of Avalon*. The book popularizes pagans who infiltrate Christianity and agree to worship Isis in the name of Mary.

Right-to-death bill alive in California

The California "Accelerated Inheritance" right-to-death bill, which grants friends or relatives de facto "power of attorney" over a person who has signed a living will and the right to terminate life support systems for their legal victims, has been sent out of the Assembly Judiciary Committee to the legislature.

Supporters of S.B. 762 include Assemblyman Alister McAlister, a "pro-life" Mormon, and the Jewish Life Issue, a "pro-life" Jewish group. The California Pro-Life Council, arm of the National Right to Life organization, has withdrawn its opposition to the bill.

Club of Life spokesman Evelyn Lantz told the committee before the vote, "This bill now has more than 50 amendments. All of them are trying to prove that this bill will not be used by greedy relatives to kill their grandmothers to get their inheritance early, or by insurance companies or hospitals to save money by killing patients. This simply makes its purpose obvious."

None of the committee members attempted to refute her testimony.

High Frontier director counters Danny Graham

The administration's moves to carry out the President's March 23 antiballistic missile defense policy, and French support for the policy, have helped to split the "High Frontier" group, isolating its founder Gen. Daniel Graham as a saboteur of the White House's commitment.

Graham contends that space-based de-

fense requires no directed energy-beam technologies; "aspirins and marshmallows" would be better than such weaponry, he recently sputtered.

An article by retired Air Force Gen. Bob Richardson, director of implementation of High Frontier, lays out a series of reforms of Department of Defense procedures to accelerate "a layered ICBM-defense concept, a laser/particle-beam deployment."

Richardson, one of the most experienced military-technical experts in High Frontier, focuses in his article on how to implement Reagan's program as rapidly as possible. The article nowhere mentions the "space-trucks and shot cans" scheme with which General Graham has caused High Frontier to be widely identified.

One source reports that in "classified" background discussions with the President's military and industrial supporters, Graham has been insisting that the Soviet Union's major program for ABM development is space deployment of "shot-cans," and that this is why the United States must concentrate on orbiting similar contraptions.

NRC commissioner tries to stop U.S.-India deal

Victor Gilinsky, the most anti-nuclear member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, has exposed himself as the source of a campaign by Reps. Richard Ottinger (D-N.Y.), Edward Markey (D-Mass.), and the *Washington Post* to halt the U.S.-India agreement for spare parts for the Tarapur nuclear plant. The Tarapur agreement has become the lever for improved relations between the U.S. and India being sought by President Reagan and Indira Gandhi.

In a July 6 *Wall Street Journal* article, "Why Keep Helping India Make the Bomb?", Gilinsky called the U.S.-India agreement "another American appeasement of India's appetite for nuclear-explosive plutonium." The man former Energy Secretary James Schlesinger designated to organize the NRC in 1975 repeated the falsehood which appeared in the *Washington Post* June 23—that the State Department has "gotten cold feet" and will not go through with the deal.

● **CYRUS HASHEMI'S \$100 million libel suit** against Campaigner Publications, *EIR*, and other La-Rouche-affiliated organizations has been dismissed by a federal court after Hashemi failed to comply with discovery orders. Hashemi sued Campaigner and other defendants in September 1980 after *EIR* had exposed Hashemi's role in financing the Ayatollah Khomeini's terrorism. While other defendants, including the *Washington Post* and *Boston Globe*, settled under reported pressure from the Justice Department, *EIR* pursued pre-trial discovery revealing Carter administration complicity in protection of Iranian assassins.

● **DEFENSE ELECTRONICS**, in its May issue, reported that "laser weapons capable of destroying Soviet satellites" are being installed at the Navy's China Lake facility in California and the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, where the Department of Defense recently opened its High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility.

● **PAUL FRALEIGH**, a National Caucus of Labor Committees member, was arrested on charges of "criminal trespass" on a public beach in York Beach, Maine on July 13, while distributing a leaflet exposing KGB involvement in efforts to undercut President Reagan's defensive beam weapon program. Soviet and American delegates of the U.S./Soviet Dialogue Forum were holding a clambake on the beach nearby. Fraleigh's arrest, suspected to have been ordered by the Forum organizers or their higher-ups, has already begun to backfire. After being released on bail, Fraleigh has been interviewed by several media in northern New Hampshire and Maine—home state of Samantha Smith, the schoolgirl now a guest of Yuri Andropov.