

National News

Italy 'mafia' sweep may net Michael Ledeen

Reports in mid-April have been circulating among intelligence sources in Europe that the Italian government has a "sealed secret indictment" against former U.S. official Michael Ledeen, because of his ostensible involvement in a complex of mafia-secret service-political activities. During the Iran weapons-for-hostages operations, Ledeen acted as a "facilitator" for the U.S. National Security Council, because of his intelligence contacts to Israel and Iran.

According to sources, the investigating magistrate in the case against former premier Giulio Andreotti recently visited the U.S., and received important information from mafia turncoat Tommaso Buscetta and others, implicating Ledeen in illegal activities. The Italian authorities, sources said, are "testing the waters with the U.S.," to see whether they make the indictment public. One source said, "Ledeen was in the middle of a lot of things, there's a lot of dirt on him, and other people could be dragged in."

Senior CIA official and Iran-Contra figure Duane "Dewey" Claridge is reportedly also on a potential indictment list. There are also some rumors that Alexander Haig could find himself in trouble, and that these tracks could lead to Henry Kissinger.

ADL's Herb Brin frantic over spying exposé

"Lyndon LaRouche, from his federal prison cell, must be gloating," begins a column in the April 15 *Houston Jewish Herald Voice* written by Anti-Defamation League agent Herb Brin. Brin just recently returned from Serbia, from where he was writing glowing propaganda in the *Herald* on behalf of Serbian butcher Slobodan Milosevic. Brin's venom comes after revelations by the San Francisco District Attorney showing that the ADL spied on tens of thousands of Americans, and gave information on them to the Israeli and South African governments.

Brin continued that LaRouche, Liberty

Lobby's Willis Carto, the Nation of Islam's Louis Farrakhan—"among a host of skinheads, pinkos and nuts—are dancing because San Francisco cops are on a vicious hunt to embarrass the Anti-Defamation League for doing what the ADL has always done and *must* do to serve mankind—after Hitler," Brin sputtered.

He attacked the "bastard decision" by the *Los Angeles Times* to play into the game of "the malicious hunt into the fact-finding efforts of the ADL." A *Times* correspondent was also one of the targets of ADL spying. But, Brin says, "surely the humanity-serving Jewish agency infiltrates hostile organizations to learn the facts."

Brin revealed that he joined the Nazis in 1939, to provide information to the ADL—although he did not say if he ever quit the Nazis. "Hardly a week passes that I don't supply Jewish defense material to David Lehrer, head of ADL in the region."

More interesting, Brin also let slip the following: "U.S. and Texas authorities have precise documentation (from ADL, of course) on the Branch Davidian cult in Waco and how it operated in the past."

Post discovers ozone hole can 'cure itself'

In a remarkable front-page article, the April 15 *Washington Post* breaks with its years of lying ozone hole coverage to announce that "After 2000, Outlook for the Ozone Layer Looks Good." The lengthy article documents that there is no real disaster and that the ozone layer will fix itself naturally. Author Boyce Rensberger wrote: "In fact, researchers say, the problem appears to be heading toward solution before they can find any solid evidence that serious harm was or is being done." Rensberger quotes some of the ozone-depletion theorists like Richard Stolarski of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center plus Michael Oppenheimer of the Environmental Defense Fund to back up his point.

Ozone is a "renewable resource"; ozone levels vary from pole to pole; ultraviolet radiation reaching Earth has not increased; increases in skin cancer started long before CFCs came into use; and if you want to

know the worst-case projected effect, move 200 miles south, Rensberger said.

Although his long article implies that ozone hoaxsters like Albert Gore don't know what they are talking about, it did not deal with the deliberate lies and millions of dollars poured into the environmentalist groups to create this hoax, nor the lives that will be lost needlessly as a result of the Montreal Protocol ban on CFCs.

Psychiatrists condemn Serbian's Karadzic

The 38,000-member American Psychiatric Association formally condemned fellow psychiatrist Radovan Karadzic on April 15 for what they said was his betrayal of the humane purpose of psychiatry. Karadzic, the leader of the so-called Bosnian Serbs, "is accountable for the policy of ethnic cleansing, organized rape, mass murder, and the establishment of concentration camps," the board of trustees of the APA said in a statement. "His actions as a political leader constitute a profound betrayal of the deeply humane values of medicine and psychiatry. In condemning him, we affirm those values and join all persons of good will in defending the right to life and to freedom from oppression of all human beings anywhere."

Science adviser admits R&D being savaged

Speaking at an American Association for the Advancement of Science colloquium on April 15, John Gibbons, director of the President's Office of Science and Technology Policy, addressed the issue of the federal science budget.

While stating that the administration is putting an emphasis on research and development as a means to reduce the deficit and views technology as an engine for growth, he went on to describe the fiscal year 1994 budget process for federal R&D as "triage," with some programs being stretched out. He said that the budget for applied science was

increased 3%, while the budget for basic science would have no net gain, and that the National Science Foundation would get a \$300 million boost.

Miners appeal huge fine to Supreme Court

The United Mine Workers Union asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn \$52 million in civil contempt fines imposed on the union during a Virginia strike against Pittston Coal Company in 1989 early this month. The U.S. Supreme Court will decide in the summer whether to accept the case.

The UMW petition argues that the U.S.'s highest court should review the fines because they are excessive, constitutionally invalid, and criminal, rather than civil in nature. The UMW therefore should have been afforded all the protections of a criminal defendant, the union argues.

The Virginia Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the fines claiming it was enforcing "respect for the judiciary." The company and the union had agreed to drop the fines, as part of the settlement of a strike in which thousands were arrested for civil disobedience, but Virginia courts reimposed the huge fines and directed they be paid to the state and two counties.

Historian criticizes Holocaust museums

A leading German-Jewish historian criticized Washington's new Holocaust Museum and other such memorials as "an amputation of Judaism," in the April 15 issue of the German daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. Michael Wolffsohn, history professor at the German Armed Forces University in Munich, said Holocaust museums were a "deeply un-Jewish" means to keep alive Jewish identity among a diaspora turning away from its religion. "Without the Holocaust, there is no Jewish identity—at least no Jewish identity for non-religious

Jews in the diaspora. That is the tragic reality of the Jewish people," he wrote. The Israeli-born historian argued that "The fixation on the Holocaust is a sign of the religious de-Judaization of Judaism by the Jews. . . ."

"This is a tragedy. In this way, Jewish identity is not established by positive self-determination and contemplation but through negative outside influences like anti-Semitism."

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum opens in Washington, D.C. on April 26. The building, chartered by Congress 13 years ago, was built with \$168 million in private funds on federal land. When the museum was first proposed, numerous ethnic groups complained that other massacres should be included, but it was decreed that the term "Holocaust" could only apply to the killing of Jews in World War II. Subsequently, the museum's organizers did include a few scenes of the killing of non-Jewish populations by Nazis.

Innocent Virginian remains imprisoned

Walter T. Snyder, Jr., a Virginia inmate wrongly convicted of rape, who was shown to be innocent through DNA evidence two months ago, is still in jail, as of April 17. The only way Snyder can be released is by executive clemency, because Virginia prohibits the introduction of new evidence 21 days after sentencing. Gov. Doug Wilder has studied this case of a man already proven innocent for seven weeks, but has not yet decided to release him. Wilder's aide said, "It's not something you move swiftly through."

Snyder's lawyer, Peter Neufeld, said, "In many states Walter Snyder could have walked out of prison the next day if we had these results. Why should someone have to seek mercy from the governor when they're truly innocent?" Virginia's evidence rule arises, says Neufeld, from "the cynical belief that the social well-being requires final judgments—no more appeals—even if it means innocent people can continue to rot in jail or even go to the electric chair."

Briefly

● **THE PRESBYTERIAN** Church (U.S.A.) has declared "that as Christians we must seek redemption of evildoers and not their death, and that the use of the death penalty tends to brutalize the society that condones it," according to the April 18 *Richmond Times Dispatch* in Virginia.

● **THE THORNBURGH** Doctrine, which allows the U.S. to kidnap indicted non-U.S. citizens from foreign soil, is under review at the Department of Justice under orders from Attorney General Janet Reno. The doctrine was drawn up by Bush's Attorney General Richard Thornburgh in order to justify the invasion of Panama to bring Gen. Manuel Noriega into the United States in 1988.

● **MIAMI UNIVERSITY** of Ohio's student newspaper will drop the use of the name "Redskins" when referring to the school's sports teams, according to the *Cincinnati Enquirer* on April 9. "The term is inappropriate in the same way vulgarity is inappropriate," student paper editor Jennifer Cox said.

● **LOUIS FARRAKHAN**, spiritual leader of the Nation of Islam, performed the Violin Concerto of Felix Mendelssohn in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on April 17, at an event titled "Gateways: Classical Music and the Black Musician." Minister Farrakhan was trained in violin as a child by Leopold Auer. The performance contradicted labels of Farrakhan as an anti-Semite, as Mendelssohn was born into a famous Jewish family.

● **OLIVER NORTH'S** company Guardian Technologies International is being audited by Virginia tax officials, for allegedly failing to collect state sales tax. Sources familiar with the audit say that Guardian, which makes and markets bullet-proof vests, has been sending out invoices since the audit began to collect sales taxes that had not been billed. One invoice went to the Virginia Fraternal Order of Police, which had purchased 200 vests.