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Kissinger flees press at news conference

A scheduled news conference in Baltimore by Henry Kissinger and Mayor Anatoly Sobchak of St. Petersburg, Russia was abruptly cancelled when Kissinger refused to enter the same room, because an *EIR* reporter was among the press corps.

The co-chairmen of the International Action Commission for St. Petersburg, Kissinger and Mayor Sobchak, were to have announced 10 actions to promote so-called investment growth in the St. Petersburg region, including energy conservation and tourism. This commission was formed in 1992 by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, of which Kissinger is a prominent member.

After reporting to Kissinger that *EIR* was in attendance, the moderator told *EIR*'s Mark Nafziger, "You are not welcome here, we would like to begin the news conference," before the eyes of the *Baltimore Sun* and a St. Petersburg television crew. When Nafziger replied, "I have a few questions for Mr. Kissinger," the moderator left. Nafziger, meanwhile briefed the Russian press on the difference between Lyndon LaRouche's European "Productive Triangle" program to develop the new eastern democracies, and Kissinger's neo-liberal economic looting policies, personified by George Soros and Jeffrey Sachs.

When the moderator returned, he announced that the news conference was cancelled. The moderator told *EIR*, "Mr. Kissinger will not come into this room because of you; this news conference is cancelled."

Pa. lawmakers vote down OBE measures

Opponents of Outcome Based Education (OBE) in the Pennsylvania state House of Representatives passed a bill that would block OBE on the local level by an more than a 2-1 margin on June 23. Parent groups now plan a drive over the next six months

to build a veto-proof majority against the curriculum in the state Senate, followed by fights against it in every school district. OBE, which has been referred to as "spiritual child molestation" replaces meeting educational goals with achieving "values" conformity.

Parent groups led by Peg Luksik and legislators led by conservative western State Rep. Ron Gamble (D) have put off until November their effort to stop the revised version of OBE, citing Gov. Robert Casey's hospitalization for a heart-lung transplant. Gamble says this will give groups all summer to organize parents to make their opposition to OBE known to state senators. Gamble and Luksik had originally planned to bring a measure up for vote in June, allowing local school districts to refuse to accept OBE.

Casey had earlier sent the original OBE plan back to the Board of Education, after the state House passed a measure forbidding it to be implemented. The board's revision removed the most offensive language in the OBE plan, about "values education," but left the curriculum content intact.

New York Times: Israel should free Demjanjuk

Both the *New York Times* and syndicated columnist Pat Buchanan have called for the Israeli Supreme Court to abandon the execution order against retired Cleveland auto worker John Demjanjuk, following the Special Master's report to the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court on July 6 (see article, p. 66).

Buchanan blasted the Israeli Supreme Court for stalling for six years on Demjanjuk's appeal of his conviction and death sentence, accusing them of trying to wait it out until Demjanjuk, now 72, just dies in jail. That way, he charges, the court will not have to face up to the tremendous weight of evidence proving that Demjanjuk was not the mass murderer "Ivan the Terrible" at Treblinka's gas chamber. "Men are letting an old man rot, hoping he dies, to spare themselves the duty of standing up and saying 'God help us, we made a terrible mistake.'"

The *Times* editorial, noting that Special Master Judge Wiseman found that there was "substantial doubt" about Demjanjuk's guilt, urged the Israeli court to abandon the death sentence. The *Times* editorial also focused attention on the Justice Department's sorry performance in the original Demjanjuk deportation and denaturalization proceedings, where crucial exculpatory evidence was withheld from the defense.

DNA test proves death row inmate's innocence

For at least the second time in six months, a man who had been sentenced to die for murder was freed after new evidence showed his innocence. On June 28, Maryland freed Marine veteran Kirk Bloodsworth, 32, who had been convicted twice of molesting and murdering a 9-year-old girl in Baltimore County. Bloodsworth, who was imprisoned for nine years, said, "I've been labeled a monster and I've lost so much."

Bloodsworth was convicted in 1985 and sentenced to die, but the Maryland Court of Appeals overturned the conviction because police had not told Bloodsworth's lawyers of another suspect. In 1987, Bloodsworth was convicted again and sentenced to life in prison.

Bloodsworth's attorneys then demanded a PCR DNA amplification procedure, which was not available earlier. A testing of semen found on the victim's clothing conclusively established that Bloodsworth could not have committed the crime.

Masons go all-out to defend Pike statue

On June 29, the Pittsburgh City Council passed a unanimous resolution calling for the removal of the statue of Ku Klux Klan founder Albert Pike, which was erected on federal property in Washington, D.C. by the Scottish Rite Freemasons in 1901. The international campaign to remove the statue was launched last year by Lyndon

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LaRouche and his vice-presidential running mate Rev. James Bevel.

The growing effort has greatly upset the Scottish Rite, which had hoped to keep its role in organizing opposition hidden behind the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. However, masonic Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Washington, Charles Iverson, an attorney and special counsel to Sovereign Grand Commander C. Fred Kleinknecht, conveyed great urgency in an interview with a journalist on the need to stop the campaign to remove the statue of Albert Pike. It was Iverson who had compiled a brief claiming that LaRouche's associates had no hard evidence of Pike's leadership of the Klan, to which Kleinknecht added a cover letter.

Iverson confirmed that day-to-day coordination of the operation to stop the Pike campaign was in the hands of Dr. John Boettjer, editor of *The Scottish Rite Journal*. Dr. Boettjer's assignment from Kleinknecht includes: arm-twisting members of the Washington, D.C. City Council to vote against the Pike statue removal; preparing a reserve of some 20 masonic Congressmen, who would enter the fray to stop an Act of Congress for removal of the statue; and gathering intelligence on the LaRouche movement, particularly its efforts to have city councils around the nation pass resolutions for removal of the Pike statue.

Former Bush staffers found new think tank

The leading denizens of the Bush White House foreign policymaking circles have created a Forum for International Policy along with some of their allies from the Reagan and even Carter administrations, according to a recent report in the *Washington Times*. Leading the pack are former Kissinger Associates officials Brent Scowcroft as president, and Lawrence Eagleburger as chairman. Board members include: former CIA director Robert Gates; former U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills; former Democratic Party chairman and Bush's ambassador to Moscow, Robert Strauss; Reagan White House Chief of Staff Howard

Baker; Reagan White House Counsel Lloyd Cutler; Rep. Dante Fascell (D-Fla.); former Carter National Security Council staffer and China hand Michel Oksenberg.

The forum's policy analysts from the Bush administration include: Arnold Kantor, undersecretary of state for policy; Richard Haass, senior director of the National Security Council; Condoleeza Rice, senior NSC director for Soviet affairs, who was recently named provost of Stanford University; Stephen Hadley, assistant defense secretary; Walter Kansteiner, NSC African policy specialist; NSC lobbyist Virginia Lampley; and Justice Department chief of staff Daniel Levin.

Va. labor won't endorse Terry for governor

The Virginia AFL-CIO June 28 announced its endorsement for the Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney general, but withheld an endorsement from Mary Sue Terry, the party's candidate for governor. In 1989, when the party endorsed Terry for attorney general, she issued a statement that she "disagrees with organized labor on fundamental issues like right-to-work and dues checkoffs."

The Virginia AFL-CIO has 200,000 members, and its endorsement means extensive get-out-the-vote efforts. Terry has raised so much money, some commentators say, that she can pay for such efforts herself. Yet on June 27, when Hillary Clinton appeared at a fundraiser for Terry held at the Washington, D.C. home of Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.V.) to raise \$150,000, Terry allowed no press inside to photograph the event, clearly fearing that an association with Clinton would hurt her in the state, which voted heavily Republican last year.

In a related development, the Virginia Press Association excluded independent gubernatorial candidate Nancy Spannaus from a candidates' debate, giving the weak excuse that their schedule was set far in advance for only two candidates. Spannaus, an associate of Lyndon LaRouche, has charged the association with an effort to "censor" her campaign.

● **THE ENERGY** Department announced in a June 30 press release that its Task Force on Radioactive Waste Management would meet July 7 at the National Wildlife Federation in Washington, D.C.

● **OREGON VOTERS** in four counties and two cities approved ordinances to prevent local governments from adopting special rights for homosexuals on June 29. The ordinances not only ban anti-discrimination laws for gays, but also bar cities and counties from spending money to promote homosexuality.

● **TEXAS GOVERNOR** Ann Richards signed a "hate crimes" sentencing enhancement bill into law on June 19. Among the provisions, the law prohibits granting probation to anyone convicted of murder as a "hate crime." The bill was given impetus by a recent case in Fort Worth in which a young skinhead was given 10 years' probation for the murder of a black man.

● **THE SCOTTISH RITE** Freemasons of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions formalized a proposal to re-merge on June 29, as part of their "Masonic Renewal for the Year 2000." The jurisdictions split in the 19th century.

● **POPE JOHN PAUL II** told the bishops of Miami and Detroit that the Church's proper concern with addressing the role of women could not include compromise with "bitter, ideological feminism," according to the July 3 *International Herald Tribune*.

● **A DISNEY CO.** owned television station in Los Angeles broadcast a two-part "icebox" smear against Lyndon LaRouche, two days after LaRouche associates participated in a protest of 100 people outside the headquarters of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The demonstration was to protest ADL illegal spying operations against its political opponents.