
National News

LaRouche Rips Shultz's Lies on Reagan's SDI

President Ronald Reagan failed at the Reykjavik Summit with Russian President Mikhail Gorbachov in 1986, according to a column in the *Wall Street Journal* on Jan. 4, signed by former Secretaries of State George Shultz and Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of Defense William Perry, and former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee Sam Nunn. The column says that Reagan failed to get an agreement with Gorbachov to dismantle both countries' nuclear weapons, and that therefore the current U.S. Administration has to set up a global regime to prevent uranium enrichment and "proliferation." The column is a statement from a conference at the Hoover Institute, promoting its new book, *The Gravest Danger: Nuclear Weapons*.

Lyndon LaRouche commented on the article, that Reagan did *not* "fail." Gorbachov failed to accept the option that Reagan was offering, the Strategic Defense Initiative; this was the death-blow to the Soviet Union. Gorbachov's failure at the summit led directly to the collapse of the Soviet Union. As conceived by LaRouche, and as understood by Reagan, the SDI would have protected both the United States and Soviet Union, ending the Kissingerian doctrine of "Mutual and Assured Destruction," while providing a "science driver" for both economies. LaRouche's enemies in both the U.S. and U.S.S.R. defeated the project.

Federalist Society Judge Rules on Torture Brief

Seven retired Federal judges have been blocked from filing an *amicus curiae* brief in a case involving Guantanamo prisoners, by a 2-1 ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Judge David Sentelle—a Federalist Society luminary, who fired the first Whitewater independent counsel and replaced him with Kenneth Starr—and a second judge issued the order on Dec. 29, 2006, with a Clinton appointee

to the Court dissenting.

Sentelle cited a rule that judges should not use the title "judge" when involved in litigating a case before another judge. However, the dissenting judge pointed out that an *amicus curiae* ("friend of the court") is required to state his interest in the case and explain why his brief is helpful.

This is what the retired judges did; they stated in their motion (which was *not* opposed by the government): "*Amici* are retired federal judges who have dedicated their professional careers to our judicial system. The issue presented by these . . . cases challenges the integrity of that system: may this Court sanction life-long detention in the face of credible allegations that the evidence upon which the detention is based was secured by torture?"

ADL Trains Urban Campus Police

Building on the Anti-Defamation League's expertise in illegally spying on political organizations, proficiency in general intimidation and manipulation, and infiltration of various law enforcement agencies, the group's "Law Enforcement Agency Resource Network" advertises that it is working with campus police in several American cities. Has the ADL, which played a leading role in the 1980s "Get LaRouche" task force, joined the "campus gestapo" apparatus of David Horowitz and Lynne Cheney, to silence critics of the Bush-Cheney Administration? (See *EIR*, Oct. 13, 2006.)

According to the ADL's website, "Members of the Washington D.C. Bias Crimes Task Force, a partnership between community groups and law enforcement founded by the Anti-Defamation League, led a hate crimes training for 25 campus police on October 24, 2006.

"The training, conducted by ADL in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, took place on the campus of Howard University. The training was a component of a Campus Public Safety Institute course for law enforcement representing Howard, Gallaudet, George Washington, Georgetown and American Universities.

"ADL experts addressed the impact of hate crimes, as well as how to identify, respond to, and prevent hate incidents and crimes."

The ADL defines "hate crimes" as opposition to its own policies, which are judged as extremist by most Israelis.

Rep. Rangel Skewers Bush and Cheney

Making his debut as a standup comic for a comedy show at Town Hall in New York City on New Year's Eve, Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) ripped into the current occupants of the White House, the *New York Daily News* reported on Jan. 1.

"More than any other President that I can think of, you have really, truly shattered the myth of white supremacy," Rangel told a Bush impersonator. "I want you to rest assured that I will be out there trying to protect you against articles of impeachment," Rangel told "Bush." "The reason being, of course, I do know Dick Cheney."

Barney Frank Calls For Oversight of Fed

Incoming House Finance Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D-Mass.) called for more Congressional oversight of the Federal Reserve, in a press conference at the National Press Club, the *London Financial Times* reported on Jan. 4.

Frank was asked how the Federal Reserve fit into his agenda. "I think we should talk about it more," he replied. "But there are people in this country who think that the Fed somehow should be above democracy. I mean, I remember talking to people in the Clinton administration: 'Oh, we can't discuss interest rates.' I mean, we can debate whether Terri Schiavo's life should be recognized as over. We can debate wars in Iraq, but God forbid anybody in elected office should talk about whether or not we need a 25-basis-point increase in the Fed. Somehow, that's sacrosanct. No, it isn't. It's public policy."