

## Angry contractor blames burglaries on federal agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal contractor who reported problems in the so-called "Doomsday Project," a top-secret program designed to keep the government running after a nuclear war, asserts in a sealed lawsuit that the Federal Emergency Management Agency burglarized his offices.

The alleged break-ins occurred after the contractor, retired Army Maj. Fred Westerman, rejected a demand by FEMA to turn over all his corporate records to a business competitor, according to the suit filed in federal court.

Westerman, who still refuses to turn over the documents, was kicked out of the secret program less than two months after the initial refusal. An Army counterintelligence officer for 20 years, Westerman started telling superiors about security and management problems in the Continuity of Government program in 1986, according to government sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

COG is the nation's contingency plan for reconstituting the government in the event of a nuclear attack. While almost all details are secret, it is known to involve mobile communications networks, supply depots and a system of underground bunkers.

The program was dubbed the "Doomsday Project" in a recent U.S. News & World Report article. The magazine reported that the Pentagon, the Justice Department and the House Armed Services Committee all are conducting investigations into security and performance problems in the

program.

FEMA and the Justice Department both refuse to discuss the COG program or Westerman's lawsuit. In addition, the government obtained a gag order to prevent the contractor from discussing his case.

Westerman and his lawyer, Frank Mroz, both declined to comment when asked about the suit.

Under a contract with the Army Corps of Engineers, Westerman's small company provided security and other services to FEMA for portions of the COG program in five states.

Westerman reported that alarm and security systems at highly classified locations were faulty and that his employees were exposed to dangerous chemicals that had leaked from containers at several facilities, according to the sources.

Westerman also reported that water had seeped onto high-voltage electrical lines in one area and that engine parts were falling off emergency vehicles parked at several facilities, the sources said.

In one instance, Westerman reported that the government removed an alarm system and installed a new one that provided less security than the one it replaced, the sources said.

Westerman was frequently pressured by his superiors not to make any complaints at all, sources added.

## NORML, Bennett combat war on drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just across the street from the building where drug war director William Bennett sits at his desk in a two-story suite, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws carries on its own quest from a small, warren-like office.

NORML, which opened its first storefront office in a run-down section of Washington in 1970, is emerging as one of the most vocal critics of President Bush's anti-drug campaign.

"The simple question is whether marijuana should be included in the war on drugs," NORML's incoming national director, Donald Fiedler, told reporters at a National Press Club press conference following Bennett's outline of the Bush plan this past week.

"If it is, the price of a drug-free America is an

America that can no longer be free," Fiedler said.

NORML wants legalization of marijuana but supports continued prohibition of cocaine. Although it has had its ups and downs, Fiedler said he believes harsh attempts to penalize the nation's millions of marijuana smokers eventually will bolster NORML's diminished strength.

"When Bush went after the ACLU, it helped their membership, when the recent Supreme Court decision on abortion came out, it helped NOW, and we fully expect the Bennett drug war plan will help NORML," Fiedler, a lawyer from Omaha, Neb., said.

In its early days, NORML gained attention by defending youngsters facing prison terms for lighting up. Its efforts helped spark decriminalization moves in many state legislatures.

As the marijuana laws changed, NORML's \$25-a-year membership roll shrank from a high of 20,000 people in 1978 to about 5,000 now.

To support its annual budget of \$250,000, the organization now holds seminars for criminal defense lawyers. In an article published in 1986, Washington Monthly said one third of NORML's budget came from such conferences, which it claimed were "geared toward helping lawyers defend mid-level mobsters." Some members told the magazine that the drug defense seminars had caused dissension within the organization.

When asked about the article, Doug McVay, activist coordinator for NORML, said, "The lawyers who are interested in this issue tend to do drug defense work."

## Prison population statistics reveal record-breaking increase of inmates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's prison population jumped by a record 46,004 inmates in the first six months of 1989 for a total of 673,565 men and women behind bars, the Bureau of Justice Statistics said Sunday.

The six-month leap broke the record not only for half-year increases but was also higher than any annual increase recorded during the 64 years that the government has counted prisoners, the bureau said.

The largest annual increase ever recorded was in 1981-82, when the national prison population grew by 41,060 inmates, from 344,283 to 385,343, Tom Hester of the bureau said.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said the increase was "an indication that more criminals, many convicted of drug-related offenses, are being caught and punished."

"The criminal justice system is

working," Thornburgh said in a statement. "People who break the law do pay the price."

The figures dramatize the need for almost 1,800 new prison beds a week, the bureau said.

"Congress needs to act swiftly on President Bush's violent crime legislation, which provides for the construction of more than 24,000 new federal prison beds," Thornburgh said.

The national drug control strategy, announced by Bush last Tuesday, echoed the crime legislation Bush called for in May in seeking \$1.2 billion in 1990 budget authorization for additional federal prison space.

Most of the increase from Dec. 31, 1988, to June 30, 1989, occurred in the state prison systems, where the population grew by 41,214 or 7.1

percent, from 577,633 at the end of 1988 to 618,847 at the end of June.

During the same period, the federal prison population expanded by 4,709, a 9.6 percent increase from 49,928 to 54,718.

During the six-month period, nine jurisdictions reported double-digit growth in their inmate populations: Rhode Island, 20.3 percent; South Dakota, 19.9 percent; Connecticut, 18.4 percent; Utah, 13.2 percent; the District of Columbia, 12.1 percent; Idaho, 11.3 percent; Mississippi, 10.6 percent; Missouri, 10.4 percent; and Kentucky, 10.2 percent.

Two states experienced declines in prison populations — Tennessee, down 2.3 percent, and North Dakota, down 2.1 percent. And Texas had such a small increase, only 2 prisoners more, that the change was listed as 0 percent.

## Romanian ship hits tugboat; 150 reported missing

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A Romanian ship collided with a Bulgarian tugboat and sank in the Danube River Sunday, leaving 151 people missing, Romania's official Agerpres news agency reported.

The collision occurred upstream of the port city of Galati, about 125 miles northeast of the Romanian capital of Bucharest, the report said. The ship sank "in conditions of poor visibility," it said.

A total of 169 passengers were aboard the Romanian ship. Only 18 of them and the ship's 13 crew members had been rescued, Agerpres said. It did not give the nationality of the passengers.

There were no reports of casualties aboard the Bulgarian tugboat.

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