

International Intelligence

Argentina grants asylum to Bolivian drugrunners

Argentina's military junta has officially granted political asylum to Luis Arce Gómez, the former Bolivian Interior Minister who took refuge in Argentina shortly before the current Bolivian President, Hernán Siles Zuazo, took office in mid-October. Arce Gómez, an asset of the drug-running and terrorist apparatus run by the fascist Propaganda-2 Freemasons, served as Interior Minister under the 1980-81 presidency of "cocaine general" García Meza. He is wanted in Bolivia for his role in directing paramilitary death squads, drug-trafficking, and for the assassination of Socialist leader Marcelo Quiroga Santa Cruz.

Action taken by the Siles Zuazo government shortly after taking power revealed the scope of the P-2's drug and terrorist activities in Bolivia, including its deployment of such European fascists as Steffano della Chiaie and the recently captured Pierluigi Pagliari. Investigations also revealed the support given these networks by the P-2 linked faction of Argentina's military intelligence. It is this latter faction that has guaranteed protection to both Arce Gómez and García Meza in Argentina.

Israeli mafia pushes another Haddadland

The Israeli occupying force in Lebanon is quietly working to create another Israeli-controlled enclave in central Lebanon, like the one in south Lebanon known as "Haddadland" after the mercenary Major Saad Haddad.

Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and the Israeli mafia behind him are the architects of a scheme called the "Druze Open Door," according to which the current leadership of the powerful Druze sect which dominates the Chouf region, Walid Jumblatt and his large clan, are to be ousted—and his pro-Israel rival Majid Arslan to become Druze leader.

Walid Jumblatt, who has been vocal in opposing Israel's provocative occupation of

the Chouf, narrowly escaped assassination Dec. 1, when a large bomb exploded in West Beirut. Three days earlier Prince Majid Arslan for the first time welcomed the Israeli forces in the Chouf. Lebanese sources say that the Israelis are primarily occupying towns under the control of the feudal Arslan clan, such as Aley, to protect them from the Jumblatts.

The Chouf region contains some of the most lucrative illegal drug, gun and contraband business in the world. It passes from the Syrian occupied Bekaa Valley in Eastern Lebanon to the port towns of Lebanon.

Lebanese President Amin Gemayel issued a call to the United States on Nov. 30 to increase the multinational force in Lebanon in order to quell the growing violence in the Chouf, which Gemayel has been powerless to stop.

Colombian labor targets monetarists

On Dec. 9, Colombia's four labor federations—three million strong—will demonstrate throughout the country to demand nationalization of the drug-linked banking system, and the lowering of interest rates, as the prerequisite of a reindustrialization policy. In addition important forces within the movement will be demanding a continent-wide debt moratorium as the means for achieving such a program.

The march's program was hammered out following an explosive Nov. 25 meeting of the National Wages Council. Club of Life member and executive of the UTC labor federation Jorge Carrillo told the assembled labor representatives that "The high interest rates and bad management of the financial sector are the causes of the economic crisis. . . . The workers have had no hand in these policies and cannot be the ones to sacrifice . . . but rather those who have benefited from high levels of indebtedness and soaring interest rates."

Carrillo's words were in response to Finance Minister Gutierrez Castro who, while sharply denouncing the foreign indebtedness and industrial stagnation for making Colombia "one of the most strangled countries in the Third World," nonetheless of-

fered the desperate "solution" of worker sacrifice as the only means of staving off "economic catastrophe."

Carrillo explains, "One cannot combat inflation in Colombia based on the hunger of its workers because inflation is caused by . . . high interest rates, by the fact that for every productive worker there are three who don't produce, and because of the declining value of obsolete machinery." He ended with a call for the Colombian government to join with its neighbors "to ask for a renegotiation of the continent's foreign debt, or a moratorium."

European Nuclear Committee founded

Newspapers in France, including *Le Monde*, the country's "newspaper of record," called attention to the founding meeting of the European Committee for Nuclear Energy that took place in Strasbourg near the Franco-German border Nov. 27, which was addressed by *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Jacques Cheminade, and leaders of several European nations.

On Dec. 1, *Le Monde* reported:

"A European committee for nuclear energy was founded Saturday Nov. 27 in Strasbourg, at the initiative of the National Committee for Nuclear Energy and the Franco-German Committee for Nuclear Energy. Delegations coming from Sweden, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Germany and France, bringing together industrialists, scientists, engineers, trade union leaders, political personalities and university professors, participated in the creation of that committee which will designate its board of directors 'before the end of the year.'"

"The aim of the committee is to define and put forth a new policy of 'Atoms for Peace' renewing the historical optimism of great projects of North-South economic development such as those of General de Gaulle and President Eisenhower. 'To develop nuclear energy without delay in the European countries is a necessity if Europe wants to pull out of the economic crisis; to export European nuclear technologies to the Third World is synonymous with rapid develop-

ment in those countries of highly skilled jobs, and of prosperity for our countries,' declared the spokesman for the Committee, Jacques Cheminade, General Secretary of the European Labor Party, and François Georges Dreyfus, Director of the Center for German Studies and of the Institute of Political Studies of Strasbourg.

The necessity to promote research in the domain of controlled thermonuclear fusion, the next great area for energy development, according to the committee, was also stressed during the course of the conference.

"The Committee also raised the question of defensive beam weapons capable of destroying ballistic missiles while flying in space. 'It is the realization that those weapons and not the utopia of the dangerous movement in favor of freezing nuclear weapons and of jeopardizing all the present strategic equipment based on nuclear terror are what can guarantee peace,' Mrs. Helga Zepp-LaRouche, president of the Club of Life, stressed during a press conference.

"The new committee, which wants to be the 'real peace movement,' has the intention of organizing a symposium which will take place parallel to the upcoming summit of non-aligned countries in New Delhi next February."

Peeved Pakistanis won't take F-16s

The week before the scheduled Dec. 6 arrival of Pakistani strongman Zia ul-Haq in Washington, word got out that the weapons deal at the center of the U.S.-Pakistan relationship was in trouble. Pakistan has apparently rejected delivery of the first six of the forty F-16 fighter planes in the \$1.6 billion arms package, because the craft were not equipped with the sophisticated electronic devices generally installed on their American counterparts—which allow them to carry nuclear payloads.

The planes were to have been delivered on Dec. 2, in time to add a military flourish to General Zia's departure.

The planes had already been officially accepted by Air Commodore Hakim-ullah of the Pakistani Air Force in ceremonies Oct. 13 at the Fort Worth, Texas, division

of General Dynamics, the F-16's manufacturer. Saudi Arabia had already made the down payment on the planes for Pakistan.

'The Germans were afraid, that's all'

The American embassy in Bonn has been caught at the center of a rumor campaign aimed at blocking the influence in the Federal Republic of Germany of Lyndon H. LaRouche's call for the United States to develop a beam weapon anti-ballistic missile system. LaRouche issued the call at a Nov. 26 conference held by the *Executive Intelligence Review* in Bonn.

German military personnel, contacted by *EIR* to attend the conference, expressed interest but said they could not come with the prior approval of the U.S. embassy. One German officer named embassy staffer Mr. Dillion, the liaison to German military intelligence, as the man who would have to give the okay.

The State Department declares that it has no jurisdiction over private conferences; yet German officers continue to say that approval from Washington is required for a meeting of a military nature.

Although the *EIR* conference was well-attended, there was a notable absence of Germans and Americans.

Behind the bureaucratic runaround is a bitter fight to block LaRouche's influence. The Bonn embassy has previously been implicated in efforts to strip security protection from LaRouche and his wife. Commented one representative from a defense-related American company: "I heard the seminar was good, but you didn't have many Germans, did you? . . . The reason is that the rumor traffic around this was the highest I've seen in years. The Germans were afraid, that's all."

The left-liberal daily *Frankfurter Rundschau* carried a journalistic attack against the *EIR* conference Dec. 1, noting that the West German government was circulating an "internal government dossier" in March, denying the credibility of *EIR*'s information on "the illegal weapons trade, drug smuggling, imminent terrorist activities, and whatnot."

Briefly

● **EDGAR BRONFMAN** will visit Moscow sometime in December at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party. According to the Israeli daily *Haaretz*, Bronfman's trip to Moscow is being viewed in the context of a possible thaw in bilateral U.S.S.R.-Israeli relations. Bronfman's contact point and 'sponsor' in Moscow is Georgii Arbatov, director of the U.S.A.-Canada Studies Institute in Moscow. It is expected that Bronfman will meet with new Soviet leader Andropov during his stay in Moscow. Last summer, Bronfman hired the former Israeli ambassador to Washington, Ephraim Evron, who is known among diplomats as a Kissinger man, to serve as his adviser on Israel.

● **TRADITION** Family and Property took out a six-page ad in the largest Mexican newspaper *Excelsior*, on Nov. 29 to attack Pope John Paul II and his *Laborem Exercens* encyclical as "socialist." According to the statement, signed by TFP's Brazilian chapter, the ad has been published in 90 periodicals in 35 countries, as part of a campaign against the Second International which began a year ago. The French government has also been targeted.

● **TRILATERAL** Commission candidate Garret FitzGerald claimed victory Nov. 26 over incumbent Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey. Kissinger-associate Fitzgerald, also a former Prime Minister, is expected to be a beneficiary of real estate operations now in motion around expected Israeli annexation of the West Bank of the Jordan River.

● **MECHAI VIRAVAIIDYA**, a member of the World Population Council, announced that he plans to celebrate the King of Thailand's birthday on Dec. 5 by performing 1,000 consecutive vasectomies in Bangkok—a new world record. Angus Ogilvie, the Queen of England's cousin, will be in town to share in the festivities.