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Brazilian ambassador mocks George Shultz

Sergio Corrêa da Costa, soon to be Brazil's ambassador in Washington, has, with diplomatic grace, delivered a series of rebukes to Secretary of State George Shultz. In presenting the Brazil-American Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year Award to Shultz at its well-attended May 19 dinner in New York, Corrêa prefaced his reading of a statement adulating Shultz sent by Brazil's Foreign Minister Ramiro Saraiva Guerrero with the following disclaimer:

"Ambassadors do not always agree with what they are requested to read or say by their ministers, but they go ahead and do it with a smile and a convincing tone. Diplomats have the required training and genetic make-up. A diplomat can be disarming even though his country isn't."

Turning to Shultz, the ambassador-to-be observed, "A famous predecessor of yours, Henry Kissinger, once said, and he wasn't joking, 'If I could choose one ambassador to whom I could entrust the nation's fate in a crisis, it would be George Shultz.'"

General strike to stop IMF policies in Mexico?

The 1.5 million-member Mexican Workers Confederation (CTM), backed by 4 million workers of the Labor Congress, has set May 30 as the strike deadline if a demand for 50 percent wage increase is not met. As of May 19, strike notices had been delivered to 2,175 companies throughout Mexico.

Tension in the labor movement is the highest it has been in almost 50 years. The demands are challenging the policies of the International Monetary Fund, which hold sway over the country.

The head of the CTM, Fidel Velázquez, insisted May 18 that if Mexico's Minimum Salary Commission granted only a 15 percent salary increase (a level being advocated by the IMF) in its findings at the end of the

month, "that would violate the constitution."

Mexico's most powerful labor leader cited the sixth paragraph of Article 123 of Mexico's constitution, which states that "the minimum wage for workers shall be sufficient to satisfy the normal needs and honest pleasures of the head of a family," including material, social, and cultural needs, and the provision of an education to his or her children.

The official Mexican inflation rate has been at an annual 90 percent for the first four months of the year. Reliable unofficial estimates are considerably higher.

Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog, the man who negotiated the IMF accord and insists that "in the long run" it will benefit Mexico, said May 18 as he left for Washington and New York debt talks, "We will fulfill the economic and social needs of the country, and the IMF agreement."

East German leader hails the Green Party

In mid-May, East German communist party leader Erich Honecker hailed, for the first time, the West German environmentalist-fascist Green Party. In an open letter published on page one of the official daily *Neues Deutschland*, Honecker declared that "the political goals of the Green Party are completely identical to the goals of the German Democratic Republic." He said the Greens' proposal for a nuclear-free zone in West Germany is coherent with official East German state policy "and also with that of the U.S.S.R."

Honecker's message came just in time for the opening of the Second Congress on European Nuclear Disarmament in West Berlin. The gathering was attended by peacenik leaders such as Egon Bahr and Rudolf Bahro of West Germany (Bahro is a former East German "dissident" who emigrated West but evidently retains the favor of high East German leaders), Richard Barnet of the Institute for Policy Studies in the United States, and E. P. Thompson of Great Britain.

However, Honecker's endorsement of the Greens is apparently limited to their

wrecking operations against Western industrial society. West German Green Party leader Petra Kelly, who was present at the West Berlin conference, attempted to take the peace movement over to the other side of the Wall, with a brief "peace demonstration" at the Alexanderplatz in East Berlin. She and her co-demonstrators were immediately arrested and dispatched westward.

The final results of the Congress on European Disarmament could not have displeased Honecker or Yuri Andropov. The Congress concluded with an agreement to push through a "European Security Order," decoupled from the United States. The movement is planning a "hot anti-missile autumn" of protests against the U.S. deployment of Pershing II missiles in Western Europe.

POE fields 50 candidates to block coup efforts

The Partito Operaio Europeo (POE), the European Labor Party in Italy, has announced a slate of 50 candidates determined to 1) inject strategic military and economic issues into the June 26 early Italian elections, and 2) destroy the plans for a coup attempt and the civil war provocations mapped out in April by Henry Kissinger and Socialist Party boss Bettino Craxi.

The slate will put in the forefront of its program President Reagan's military initiative to develop a beam weapons defense system, and will outline the spinoff effects of such a program for Italy's collapsing economy.

Most of those who have joined the slate thus far are from Rome and Milan, and represent a cross-section of the Italian population.

For the first time, the POE will also run candidates in the south, where a slate has announced in the important port city of Bari.

Candidates on the POE slate contend that at present Italian politics is determined abroad and that the Italian population must wage a battle for its national independence. Otherwise, the candidates say, the next phase for Italy will be complete chaos or a coup by would-be "Il Duce" Craxi.

Arbatov admits Soviet subs off Scandinavia

Moscow geopolitician Georgii Arbatov recently admitted that Soviet submarines have intruded into Swedish territorial waters and will continue to do so. The admission was covered in Scandinavian newspapers which leaked reports of a private speech Arbatov gave before the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace on April 25.

The Norwegian paper *Verldens Gang* quoted Arbatov: "The Soviet Union is sending submarines into Sweden's internal waters. . . . The Soviet Navy can play cat and mouse with anybody trying to track or hinder the submarines. . . . The Swedes are naive if they believe neutrality protects them. . . . If they believe they can stop the submarine traffic, they are living in a dream world."

The Swedish foreign ministry said of Arbatov's reported statement, that it "proceeds from the standpoint that the information is false." But the story was carried in almost all Swedish newspapers on May 15, creating a big scandal for Arbatov's frequent collaborator on disarmament affairs, Prime Minister Olof Palme.

French Communists join with the Greens

The General Secretary of the French Communist Party (PCF), Georges Marchais, instructed the party's mid-May cadre school to revive the "class struggle." After denouncing the austerity policies of French Finance and Economics Minister Jacques Delors, thus taking the first step in breaking "governmental solidarity" with the ruling Socialist Party of President Mitterrand, Marchais called on the party to "radicalize" and amplify the discontent among its followers. The PCF has only two aims, said Marchais: world peace and human rights. The PCF is organizing a June 19 peace demonstration in Paris, focusing on anti-Reagan slogans. The demonstration is being coor-

inated with the Trotskyists of the "Fourth International" and the environmentalists; the West German Green Party ecologists have also been invited.

Under orders from Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, recently made public in an advertisement in *Le Monde*, France is to be the scene of chaos and destabilization, with the eventual destruction and/or humiliation of President Mitterrand because his administration condemns Andropov's peace game.

Swiss praise 'new Soviet position' on war strategy

Under the headline "News from Soviet Strategic Doctrine," the Swiss banking daily *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* has claimed that the Soviet Union has definitively moved away from Marshal V. D. Sokolovsky's 1962 war-winning doctrine (including beam weapon development), and that a Soviet "compromise in Geneva seems not to be excluded."

On May 17, the U.S.-Soviet talks on "Euromissiles" resumed, amid warnings in the Soviet media that President Reagan must accept the Soviet proposals.

Where does the *NZZ* derive its optimism? From a publication of the Soviet Scientific Research Council on Peace and Disarmament, which has just published a new booklet titled "How to Avert the Threat to Europe." The pamphlet attacks the West for "painting a picture of an aggressive and offensive Soviet doctrine" by "quoting passages from the works of Soviet military experts, even those from the sixties. . . ."

In other words, adds *NZZ*, "Sokolovsky is no longer quotable. His major work, *Military Strategy*, by the way, for the past year could not be found in any Moscow bookstore."

The new pamphlet, *NZZ* rejoiced, proves beyond doubt that the Soviet Union has fully endorsed the Western doctrine of "deterrence in the sense of strategic stability." It indicates a "tangible, new refining of Soviet strategic thinking." The recent Andropov proposals, "as well as expected moves" by the Soviet leadership, "can only be evaluated on this background and appropriately replied to."

● **THE STOCKHOLM** International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) will hold a by-invitation-only conference on "military activities in space" this September. SIPRI's experts on space-based weapons systems are opposed to President Reagan's policy for development of space-based antiballistic missile systems.

● **THE ISRAELI** Prime Minister office's chief spokesman, one Mr. Kadishai, is "the regular contact point between the Christian evangelical movement and Prime Minister Begin," an Israeli source has noted. "The Christians, through Kadishai, have more access to Begin than any Jews do!"

● **THE BAHAIS**, a British Freemasonic-front mystical sect, are expanding their operations among Mexico's Indians. According to a Bahai representative in Mexico, Carmen de Burafato, Mexican Indians "are very spiritual," and are important in the Bahais' campaign to undermine the "dogmatic Catholic Church" inside Mexico.

● **ISRAELI MINISTER** without Portfolio Ariel Sharon's connections to "Communist elements among Lebanon's Druzes" may explain how the Mossad was involved in the April 18 bombing of the American embassy in Beirut, Israeli, sources have suggested.

● **THE FUERTHER** *Nachrichten*, daily newspaper of Henry Kissinger's city of birth, Fuerth, reported April 30 that the European Labor Party had demanded the revocation of Kissinger's "honored citizen" status granted by the city's mayor. The EAP, the paper reported, wants Kissinger designated "an undesirable person."