

International Intelligence

German Protestants in disarmament frenzy

The national convention of West Germany's Protestant churches in Hannover June 8-12, was attended by more than 120,000 people, two-thirds of them below the age of 25. The tearful, folk-singing youth with more than 90,000 violet "peace" banners and the monster church service of almost 100,000, recalled scenes of 50 years ago when the Nazis celebrated their "Reichsparteitag."

The conference was presided over by Social Democratic Party luminary Erhard Eppler, who stressed the necessity to follow the examples of the American and East German churches in fighting for peace. A big delegation from the East German Church attended, as well as one from the Russian Orthodox Church, who sent Archbishop Pitirim from Moscow.

Egon Bahr, the disarmament expert of the SPD, called for a "doctrine of common security" between both German states. When U.S. disarmament spokesman Norman Birnbaum told the peaceniks that they have a "pedagogic effect" on public opinion in the United States, the violet banners went wild.

"For us religious people and for all peace forces in Europe, the fight against the stationing of the new American medium range missiles in the west of our continent will be of fundamental importance. I want to underline that the peoples of Western Europe have no cause at all to fear aggression by the Soviet Union," read a statement from Orthodox Patriarch Pimen in a booklet distributed to the crowd. No one asked the bearded Orthodox priests in attendance what the Patriarch meant by "our continent."

Latin American bishops' summit on cult plague

The head of the Latin American Bishops Conference, Antonio Quarrancini, called in early June for a summit of the Catholic bishops of the continent to confront the plague of religious sects from Mexico to Argentina.

There are now over 120 different fundamentalist sects running riot in Central America alone. Pope John Paul II severely criticized the Ríos Montt regime during his

March 7 visit to the country. The Council of Guatemalan Bishops on June 8 warned that Ríos Montt's drive to "militarize the country" through a policy of forced participation in paramilitary "civil defense patrols," and the promotion of a "wave of aggression" by fundamentalist sects are acts "dividing our communities, which could easily lead to a religious war of incalculable consequences." The bishops' letter confirmed that massacres continue, especially of Indians.

The same day the letter appeared, Gen. José Echeverría Vielman, the senior officer in the Guatemalan army, challenged his commander-in-chief by demanding that the army be removed from all political functions and called for early elections. Ríos Montt immediately dismissed him from active duty. The auxiliary bishop of Guatemala City, Ramiro Pellecer, made a point of hailing the general's manifesto, and the Vatican has refused to recognize the credentials of Guatemala's new ambassador-designate to the Papal state.

The strongest support for the beleaguered cultist comes from Richard Stone, the U.S. State Department's new itinerant "special envoy" to the region, who met with Ríos Montt for breakfast June 12. There have been "positive changes" in recent months, Stone said of the country in which Ríos Montt's forces are known to have murdered and eaten children.

A 'Bulgarian' student movement for the U.S.?

The East-West "scientists'" conference that has served as the main channel for informal communication between the KGB and the blueblood controllers of the American peace movement, is turning its attention to creating a new student movement in the United States. Spokesmen who attended the early-June Pugwash Conference in Plovdiv, Bulgaria report that this will now be a major objective of Pugwash.

Bulgarian representatives and others will lead a discussion on chapter building at the June 20-26 International Student Pugwash Association conference at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The U.S. International Student Pugwash office, which presently exists only in Washington, D.C., MIT,

and the University of California at Berkeley, has immediate plans for Atlanta, San Diego, Boston, and Yale.

The Ann Arbor conference will be addressed by, among others, Leonard Woodcock; Chris Payne of the Federation of American Scientists; former Deputy Director of the CIA, Herb Scoville, and MIT's George Rathjens, a public spokesman for the opposition to President Reagan's Ballistic Missile Defense policy.

Russian Church gets back old monastery

Moscow's oldest monastery, the Danilovsky, is to be handed back by the Soviet government to the Russian Orthodox Church, according to a TASS news agency report covered by Reuters June 13. The monastery, built in 1272, will become a new administrative headquarters. Seized by the Bolsheviks after the 1917 revolution and closed to the public, it has been used as a factory warehouse.

"The decision to return it to the Moscow patriarchate reflected the increasingly warm relations between the Communist leadership and the Orthodox Church," Reuters commented.

Terrorists target LaRouche leadership

Intelligence sources warn that new, "professional" assassinations are planned against leaders of the International Caucus of Labor Committees, the cadre organization of EIR founder Lyndon LaRouche. Immediately targeted are LaRouche and his wife Helga, a political figure in the Federal Republic of Germany, and executives of the Mexican Labor Party (PLM).

A traveller of the Revolutionary Cells (previously the RAF), operating from the student exchange program at New York University, is conducting intelligence developed by former Maoist Dennis King and others in the employ of the Anti-Defamation League's Irwin Sull to the RAF networks. The Cells, thought to be responsible for previous attempts on the life of Helga LaRouche, are reportedly being fed additional

intelligence by Ariel Sharon-connected elements of the BKA (Bundeskriminalamt, the West German FBI), which function under the patronage of former Interior Minister Gerhard Baum.

Patterns of surveillance detected at the West German Club of Life founding conference in Karlsruhe in May correspond to the estimate that another attack is being prepared.

In Mexico, an alliance of the fascist PAN party, the leftist CDP, and the Cuban-exile Alpha 66 is targeting leading members of the PLM for thug attacks on the basis that "a few murders will scare them out of the country." Weapons shipments originating from the FDR guerrillas in El Salvador are delivered to the CDP in Mexico, and are then divided between the PAN and Alpha 66. Some of the weapons are reputed to then make their way to an Alpha 66 network in Elizabeth, New Jersey run by an individual said to be a contract agent of the ADL.

The same intelligence sources identify Alpha 66 as the "cutout" for Israeli minister Ariel Sharon's operations in Central America.

General blasts Italian 'military culture'

General Giulio Macri, the European Labor Party (POE) candidate for Parliament in Rome and Milan, made some pungent observations on the state of the Italian military in an interview released by the Repubblica press agency in Rome in mid-June:

"The military culture of the high ranking officers of the Army is notorious. . . . What did the U.S. and the Soviet ambassadors have to tell each other during the military parade of last June 2 when they were surprised smiling and absorbed in a confidential discussion? They had before their eyes a parade of the squadrons trained for peace, squadrons that are more appropriate to [mafioso 'Civil Protection'] Minister Loris Fortuna than to [Defense] Minister Lagorio."

"These are squadrons," Repubblica commented, "trained by generals like Santini and Cappuzzo whose successors are part of the same school. If the 'culture' of the top brass is reflected in the military policy of the '80s, one understands very well the reason why the U.S. announcement about beam weapons—the famous laser weapons

Reagan speaks about—is being rejected inside the Italian army leadership. An army for technological warfare, even in the context of a 'defensive shield' scenario, is inconceivable here. The best thing the defense ministry can come up with is the anti-earthquake squadron. This is why we decided to interview a maverick general, a general who prefers the laser to the plowshare, General Macri, who has been nominated for office by a small pressure party."

Gromyko backs anti-nuclear movement

Politburo member Andrei Gromyko endorsed the activities of not only the peace movement, but also the anti-nuclear movement—in the West—in his speech to the June 16 session of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. It was at this meeting that Yuri Andropov was confirmed as president of the Soviet Union.

"The antinuclear and antiwar movement that has arisen in the West is a kind of a popular referendum," he stated. Gromyko emphasized the Soviet campaign "to conclude an international treaty on the non-deployment of weapons of any kind in outer space." He denounced the U.S. government for failing to respond to a Soviet proposal to "let Soviet and American scientists, specialists in the field, get together and discuss the possible implications of establishing a large-scale ABM system"—which Soviet proposal was made as a bid to elicit more support from U.S. academics opposed to President Reagan's Mutually Assured Survival strategy of developing anti-nuclear missile directed-energy weapons. Moscow has consistently opposed Reagan's defensive weapons policy.

Eyewitnesses of the recent Institute for Policy Studies-USA/Canada Institute meeting in Minneapolis noted that Gromyko's speech appeared to be compiled from the presentations made at the Minneapolis meeting by Russian Orthodox Church representatives and by the Pugwash conferences supporters assembled there. The Pugwash conferences were established by Bertrand Russell after World War II to plan the use of "limited nuclear warfare"—including the occasional bombing of selected U.S. cities to "appease" the Soviets.

● **THE LOCKHEED TRIAL** of former Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, ended June 17 after six years. Three of the top defendants admitted delivering alleged bribe money to Tanaka from Lockheed, undercutting Tanaka's denials. The verdict by the judge is expected in October or November. Tanaka was the major force behind last November's accession of Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone.

● **IRAN'S** Deputy Foreign Minister Hossein Kazempour Ardebili visited Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe in Tokyo June 17, and warned Japan against trying to bring Iran into the Western camp. This is the first visit to Japan by a high-level Iranian foreign ministry official since the Khomeini takeover. Abe, who is scheduled to visit Iran soon, told Ardebili that ending the Iran-Iraq war would make it easier for Japan to give aid for Iranian reconstruction.

● **PETRA KELLY** is suing *EIR's* publisher NSIPS, Campaigner Publications, and the National Democratic Policy Committee for libel. She complains of being called a "fascist and terrorist" and an "unchaste person."

● **DAN SNEIDER**, *EIR's* Asia editor, is currently in Kampuchea, talking with government officials and others.

● **GIUSEPPI VERDI** has been deployed into the electoral campaign of the European Labor Party in Italy (POE), which is interspersing its soundtruck attacks on the Jesuits, the masonry, and the Italian Socialist and Communist parties with choruses from *Nabucco* and *La Forza del Destino*.