

National News

Post-Grenada terror aimed at United States

In the wake of the successful U.S. Grenada mission, a pattern of anti-U.S. terrorism has emerged which intelligence analysts believe must have the sanction, if not participation and outright guidance, of the Soviet Union and its surrogates.

The current pattern demonstrates coordination among the Soviet Union, Cuba, Libya, Iran, and others, in direct response to President Reagan's bold and unexpected stroke in the Caribbean. *Investigative Leads*, EIR's counterintelligence bulletin, has warned that this is the initial phase of a bloody path leading up to the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, California.

On Oct. 25, the day after the initiation of the rescue mission, a mob of "students" in Cochabamba, Bolivia destroyed a U.S. binational center and sacked the offices of the U.S. consular agent.

On Oct. 29, U.S. intelligence picked up confirmed warnings that Fidel Castro had instructed terrorists around the world to "kill Americans" in response to the Grenada actions. Mexico City, according to columnist Jack Anderson, was of special concern as it had been reported that leftist terrorists from around the world met in Mexico City on Oct. 21 for an "underground convention."

On Oct. 31, the U.S. Cultural Center in Medellín, Colombia was totally destroyed by a bomb blast. It is suspected that Colombia's ELN (Force for National Liberation) was responsible for the bombing. Fidel Castro is known to have personnel integrated into the ELN apparatus.

On Nov. 1, Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga ordered the expulsion of four Soviet diplomats and a representative of Cuba's Prensa Latina news agency for their roles in planned acts of sabotage. Jamaican troops participated in the Grenada rescue mission.

On Nov. 1, a terrorist group protesting the Grenada "invasion" bombed the build-

ing housing the U.S. Consulate in Fort de France, Martinique.

On Nov. 2, Pan American World Airways office in Paris, France was seized by four Turks from the "Revolutionary Left." Thirty Pan Am employees were held hostage for one hour before the four terrorists surrendered.

Aviation Week: better x-ray laser prospects

Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine author Clarence A. Robinson, Jr., reporting on the findings of President Reagan's Defensive Technologies Study Team, becomes more optimistic with each passing week. In the course of three reports in October, Robinson, without explanation, increased the projection for the performance of the x-ray laser by a factor of a million.

Since the effective range of a space-based x-ray laser varies with the square root of the performance given in terms of brightness, this means that the projected range has increased by a factor of 1,000.

That the projected date for "technical feasibility demonstration" of 1988 given in the first article of the series was also overly pessimistic is indicated by the following:

Oct. 17: "X-ray laser technical feasibility demonstration to 10 to the 16th power joules/steerradian [brightness] by 1988."

Oct. 24: "Feasibility of the x-ray laser demonstrated in two tests requires validation at moderate brightness—10 to the 19th power joules/steerradian, plus upgrading to three orders of magnitude."

Oct. 31: "Nuclear-driven x-ray laser technology based on two partially successful underground tests. A series of underground tests are required to demonstrate laser physics and scaling potential to a brightness of 10 to the 22nd power joules/steerradian. Acquisition and tracking targets and pointing multiple beams to requisite precision of 10 microradians are required."

Besides strongly hinting in the course of

his series that the x-ray laser development can be greatly accelerated, Robinson notes for the first time that other types of defensive nuclear weapons are possible: "nuclear-driven particle and microwave beam technology." According to the technical data and the projected performance given by *Aviation Week*, the effective range for the first generation of x-ray lasers will be tens of thousands of kilometers.

Naval forces slated for eastern Mediterranean

The U.S. Navy is reportedly assembling a fleet of 30 warships to operate in the eastern Mediterranean—including the aircraft carrier *Independence*, the helicopter carrier *Guam*, and a 1,900-man Marine amphibious assault group which left the Caribbean Nov. 2.

In addition, a 10-ship task force led by the aircraft carrier *Kennedy*, which has been in the Atlantic, is slated to set sail for the eastern Mediterranean, and eventually to travel from the Suez canal to the Indian Ocean, in an effort to ensure that Iran cannot attempt to close the Straits of Hormuz.

Reagan's science adviser killing fusion program

The Office of Science Adviser to the President, headed by Dr. George Keyworth, has nearly succeeded in killing the nation's magnetic fusion program, Dr. Stephen Dean charged in hearings before the Energy Research and Production subcommittee of the House Committee on Science and Technology on Oct. 20.

Dean, a former senior official in the government fusion program, stated that the DOE's Comprehensive Program Management Plan presented to the Congress, had restrictions put on it from Keyworth's of-

face. These were "that no major new project starts" would be allowed, and that there would be "no increased budgets for the rest of the decade." As Dean stated, this would put off the engineering development phase for fusion for at least a decade, and that fusion would not be available until after the year 2000 if this continued, and perhaps not even "after the year 3000."

Dean pointed out that a new plan is not necessary—the Magnetic Fusion Energy Engineering Act of 1980 laid out a perfectly adequate program plan and funding profile to bring fusion to commercial development by the turn of the century. However, none of the guidelines in that law have been adhered to.

Bird-lover discovers metric of universe

The World Wildlife Fund and the *New York Times* have discovered that birds are the measure of all things.

The discovery is reported on the Op-Ed page of the Oct. 29 *Times*, in an essay by World Wildlife Fund president Thomas E. Lovejoy. Lovejoy reports that El Salvador's tragedy of civil war and deforestation (in the opposite order), is caused by the country's high population density.

"It is hardly surprising," Lovejoy explains, "that lands whose capacity to support human populations are so vastly overshot are also lands that are inhospitable to other species, including some of our migratory birds. . . . A nation unable to support the diversity of its wildlife is unable to maintain the standards of living of its people. In turn, falling living standards set the stage for social and political unrest."

Mr. Lovejoy is disturbed by the Kissinger Commission on Central America, but for reason of its "lack of natural resource expertise." This "is only symptomatic of the general failure to elevate environmental matters to their proper place in the affairs of nations."—naturally.

George Ball offers his back channel

For some people, Henry Kissinger just isn't good enough as the under-the-table link between East and West. Former Carter administration undersecretary of state George Ball wasted 2,500 words in the Oct. 29 *Boston Globe* on the proposition that he ought to be the new Dr. K., channel negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Ball cites his role in easing tensions during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Recently a few of the boys who had advised John Kennedy got together and came up with the following pearls:

- The stable Soviet system of government has known only "five regimes—Lenin, Stalin, Khrushchev, Brezhnev and Andropov—since 1917," while the United States has had seven administrations and eight secretaries of state in the last 27 years.

- Although President Reagan "instinctively attributes that lunatic act [the massacre of American and French troops in Beirut] to the Kremlin or its surrogates," it was really generated by "age-old grievances for which the Russians have no responsibilities."

- Reagan's Grenada policy is part and parcel of what one might now call the "Reagan Doctrine," in which the United States seeks to impose its will on countries within its sphere of influence. The deployment of the Marines into Lebanon was an "imprecisely defined mission."

Ball continued: "Peace depends upon the sensible management of relations with the Soviet Union, and that means something more than denouncing that huge nation as an 'evil empire' What is needed is not the scornful taunting disdain our government exhibits today but a serious effort to broaden and deepen our contacts on every front. . . . But at the moment our channels for quiet talks between ourselves and the Soviets are in a dreadful state of disrepair; indeed they hardly exist."

Briefly

- **SEN. WILLIAM PROXMIRE** offers in the Oct. 29 *Congressional Record* a novel objection to beam weapons development: It would mean "the Russians lose their hard-earned superpower status."

- **DANNY GRAHAM**, during a Seattle appearance, brought up Lyndon LaRouche's *EIR* cover story on "The Psychosexual Impotence of Gen. Danny Graham." "I have seven kids!" declared the diminutive protégé of James R. Schlesinger and Henry A. Kissinger.

- **WILLIAM B. REYNOLDS**, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, announced that the government was intervening in the New York "baby Jane Doe" case, to ask a federal judge to order a state hospital to turn over medical records on the infant, born with severe birth defects. The parents have waged a successful court battle to forego life-saving surgery for the infant.

- **AVERELL HARRIMAN's** "music mafia" held a gala benefit at New York's Lincoln Center Oct. 24 in support of the nuclear freeze. Heading the bill was New York Philharmonic conductor Zubin Mehta, who not long ago caused riots in Tel Aviv for presenting the works of Nazi precursor Richard Wagner. Proceeds from the extravaganza went to Physicians for Social Responsibility, for 20 years a "Pugwash" channel of Soviet influence.

- **ABC's** eight-hour nuclear holocaust film, "The Day After," is already being blasted for lying about the permanent "defenselessness" of America's cities. Meanwhile the airwaves are hyping Carl Sagan's report that any nuclear exchange at all would destroy the entire biosphere by precipitating a "nuclear winter." The article Sagan and Zero Population Growth pioneer Paul Ehrlich wrote from this report was rejected by *Science* magazine because it didn't reveal what assumptions had gone into the computer simulation.