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Did Sweden capture Soviet frogmen?

Reports are circulating that the Swedish military has shot and captured two Soviet frogmen deployed from a mini-submarine trapped in the waters around the Karlskrona naval base in southeastern Sweden. The Swedes have been engaged in a hunt for Soviet intruders there since Feb. 9.

According to official Swedish Navy reports, on Feb. 29 at least one and possibly two frogmen were sighted on land, crossing one of the tiny islands encircling the Karlskrona base.

The frogmen were escaping from the heavily guarded port waters into the Baltic Sea. A third diver was sighted, but returned to the waters inside the base area. In the official version, all three escaped capture. But four independent military-related sources told *EIR* that the intruders were killed or wounded.

If these reports are true, it would mean that not only the social-democratic government of Olof Palme, but also the Swedish military, are covering up evidence that the Soviet Union has waged acts of war against Sweden.

European press plays up beam weapons

The March 27 *Financial Times*, the City of London's flagship daily, carried a feature titled "A New Apollo Project: Reagan's Ambitious Target."

"The 'Star Wars' concept of a 21st-century defense against nuclear weapons . . . may never blossom into a full-scale umbrella in space for enemy missiles.

"Nevertheless, it could achieve the main U.S. century" writes science editor David Fishlock, "by seeking a more efficient coupling between the world's greatest scientific research base . . . and an industrial base. . . . Star wars is seen by some Washington officials as a way of achieving both goals. The

\$2 billion Manhattan Project during World War II . . . successfully united science and industry on a massive scale."

However, a spokesman for the Foreign Office told *EIR* on March 29: "Her Majesty's Government is committed to preventing an arms race in outer space."

Under the March 27 headline "The Debate on 'Star Wars': Nuclear Strategies Challenged," *Le Monde*, the daily of the French foreign policy establishment, grudgingly admitted the necessity of joining a now-irreversible process.

"This program is now starting to become fact—more than \$26 billion has been allocated in Pentagon budgets up to 1989—including directed-energy systems (lasers and particle beams), the most futuristic and controversial ones. The point is to study in parallel several different techniques . . . for a multi-layered system," reports Michel Tatu, the internationally known Sovietologist and former Washington correspondent for *Le Monde*.

"The Soviets have been working for years on anti-missile systems. . . . The French President has been the most 'motivated' leader, besides President Reagan. . . . Of course, France has no interest in seeing both superpowers cover themselves with defensive barriers. But since they are doing it anyway, how could she remain aloof?"

Tatu argued that if only 0.025% of enemy missiles could pierce a four-layered defense system, 250 H-bombs would hit U.S. cities. Notified by *EIR* that his arithmetic was off, he replied, "Embarrassing mistake, I must say. This changes the whole picture. Hmmm."

Carrington: 'Henry's the only one with ideas'

In an interview on West German TV, Lord Peter Carrington publicly rejected "those who believe in cheap defense, as beam weapons, for example," and called for an increase in conventional defense, instead.

Asked for a comment on Henry Kissinger's recent *Time* magazine statements threatening a U.S. withdrawal from Europe,

Carrington said that he does "not agree with Mr. Kissinger on many of the conclusions he draws, but his analysis was fairly correct." He added that "one might not agree with him, but if I look around in NATO, I see that Mr. Kissinger is the only one to have any ideas about the future of the alliance."

Lord Carrington is Kissinger's business partner in Kissinger Associates, Inc., a consulting and dirty-tricks firm.

On Kissinger's plans for U.S. troop withdrawal from Western Europe, Carrington commented that "naturally, we need U.S. military presence in Europe, but I think the alliance should discuss these ideas. . . ." Carrington added that "détente is not dead, but will be continued."

Bonn politician: 'beams make defense human'

Bernd Wilz, a Christian Democratic member of the West German parliament, has made the first public statement that beam weapons are being discussed in Germany.

To the Italian daily *Il Giornale*, he said: "The laser is a new concept for defensive warfare. In the end, a carbon-dioxide laser cannon will be able to destroy enemy tanks, airplanes and even missiles, but it will take 10 years until the system is perfected," says Wilz, a member of the parliamentary defense committee.

"Certainly, the debate tends to be emotional. That is why the public must be informed that the laser is a weapon fit only for defense. It will make war more human because it will hit only military targets. . . .

"In Bonn, a political decision to give laser weapons to the German forces has not yet been taken, but I expect that within this year, the inspector general, the highest military official in our country, will recommend its implementation. I have estimated that since the idea of the laser weapons—~~political objectives~~—even about 20 years ago, the Bonn government has spent about 60 million deutschmarks in this area of research alone." Wilz added that the German initiative on laser weapons was motivated by Reagan's March 23, 1983 proposal.

Briefly

The March 24 issue of *Die Welt*, West Germany's leading conservative daily, states: "One year after Ronald Reagan's 'Star Wars' speech . . . the technological strategy with which America wants to attain the goal set by the President is unfolding for us."

Soviets acknowledge MAS initiative

Pravda's March 23 editorial denouncing beam weapons also explicitly rejected the Mutually Assured Survival offers made by President Reagan, Defense Secretary Weinberger, and Lyndon LaRouche last year for both superpowers to develop defensive beam-weapons systems. *Pravda* stated: "Demagogy is springing up about some 'noble goals,' about a 'peace-loving' direction of a certain project . . . that the United States will create a wide-scale system of anti-missile defense . . . which it could 'share' with the Soviet Union."

Pravda admits that the U.S.S.R. is pursuing beam weapons: "However, those in the U.S.A. who with bragging and self-confidence demand urgent measures to realize large-scale anti-missile defense programs explained by President Ronald Reagan have not considered the major and inevitable reaction of the Soviet Union. And, if anyone was hoping that some kind of 'superiority' in the technological sphere will allow the U.S.A. to get ahead, then he is risking strong miscalculations."

Temple Mount affair collapsed Israeli coalition

One of the pretexts used for the collapse of the ruling coalition in Israel, which results in national elections on July 23, was Tami Party leader Abu-Hatzera's allegation that Interior Minister Yosef Burg was incapable of controlling the Israeli police department.

Police officials are accused of suppressing investigation into the conspiracy by Is-

raeli terrorists last year to bomb the Al-Asqa mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

In mid-March, the Tel Aviv commander of the elite Central Police Unit detective force, Nitzav-Mishna Assaf Hefetz, was suspended for leaking to the press evidence that the police suppressed a memo he drafted a year ago warning of plans to attack Islamic sites in Jerusalem. Hefetz has obtained a show-cause order as to why he should not be reinstated. He is supported by Israeli Police Chief of Operations Zvi Bar.

The anti-Hefetz faction claims the police have the intelligence only to catch "Arab criminals," but not Jews plotting to blow up the Temple Mount, because the police don't have enough informers among Jews. In fact, the would-be demolitionists are protected by Ariel Sharon, minister without portfolio, and Yuval Neeman, science and technology minister, among others.

DOS fosters arms flow to Central America

The State Department's sudden support for Iran's Khomeini, by way of attacks against Iraq, has immediate consequences for U.S. security in Central America. At issue is the conduiting of arms from Iran to the Central America region.

This point was underlined by Nicaragua's Sergio Ramirez, who announced March 23 that he had just returned from a 10-day tour of Libya and Iran, meeting with Colonel Qaddafi and leading Iranian mullahs. Ramirez said he had requested from both countries "weapons to face American terrorism in Central America," and both countries are reported to have agreed.

Such a deal means that the flow of American weapons to Iran, which has recently stepped up with State Department approval, will ultimately end up in Nicaragua. Such an arms flow coincides with an increase in cooperation between the Soviets and Iran. Iranian sources report that Iranians have agreed to have the Soviets build two monitoring/listening posts in Iran, one in Baluchistan and the other in northern Iran.

● **GEORGE SHULTZ** met with the mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Freij, and Rashad Shawa, the mayor of Gaza, in late March. Both mayors are strong supporters of the PLO. Freij urged Shultz to extend U.S. aid directly to Palestinians living in the occupied territories. The talks appear to have centered on attempting to renew Reagan's Peace Plan.

● **ITALY'S COMMUNIST** party led an 800,000-person "March on Rome" 60 years after Mussolini's Fascists, as the Red Brigades stole \$20 million in preparation for a mass terror offensive in Europe.

● **RED STAR**, the Soviet military daily, printed an article March 28 by Maj. Gen. A. Milovidov titled "Taking Account of the Growing Danger of War." Soviet "combat-readiness" and response times have been "radically changed," the article declares, confirming that the Soviet high command is in a pre-war showdown mode.

● **JOHN ERICKSON**, an Edinburgh University specialist on Soviet military strategy, told the Swedish press March 29 that the recent mammoth buildup of Soviet deployments around Scandinavia is aimed at cutting NATO communications lines across the Atlantic.

● **ISRAEL** has moved to strengthen its alliance with the Falange militias and Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, in preparation for the permanent partition of Lebanon. Iran and the Khomeini-allied Shi'ites are denouncing Jumblatt as a Zionist agent and threatened him with assassination. The "Islamic Jihad," which bombed the U.S. Marines on Oct. 23, 1983, have also threatened him. Syria has remained silent about the dealings with Israel by its ally Jumblatt, suggesting that Damascus sees them as part of the partition plan.