

National News

Will FBI prevent Khomeini's terrorism?

Informed sources have reported that pro-Khomeini terror networks of American black nationalists and other U.S.-based agents of Iran's Savama intelligence agency are planning renewed assassination operations against anti-Khomeini leaders in the United States.

This should serve as a warning that if any anti-Khomeini leaders in the United States are assassinated, the Federal Bureau of Investigations is responsible.

High: 'No one calls you gringo-controlled'

The State Department's use of such assets as the neo-Nazi National Action Party (PAN) to attempt to undermine Lyndon LaRouche's *Operation Juárez* policy—a call for reversing the Ibero-American debt crisis by launching economic development programs among a community of Ibero-American nations and the United States—seems to be backfiring.

State Department Director of the Office of Mexican Affairs George B. High confessed his inability to understand why the Mexican population supports the policies of LaRouche's co-thinkers, the Mexican Labor Party (PLM), in a discussion with *EIR* correspondent Laura Chasen at a Washington, D.C., background briefing on Mexico April 17. High was a key participant in a clandestine planning session held in Sonora a year ago to map out insurgency by the PAN against Mexico's ruling PRI Party. The PAN has also attacked LaRouche for interfering in Mexican affairs—because LaRouche denounced U.S. State Department interventions in Mexico.

"I really don't understand," High complained. "I go to Sonora and have one dinner with members of the PAN and the local Sonora press screams that the PAN is gringo-controlled. Your people [in Mexico] are run from the United States but no one down there ever calls you gringo-controlled. How

do you manage that?"

Chasen told High that co-thinkers in Mexico support the economic development policies of Lyndon H. LaRouche, policies in the interests of both nations. The Mexican population, at least, realizes that such policies demand community of purpose, not "control" by one nation.

When Chasen asked him about United States orientation toward the possibility of Soviet destabilization of Mexico through their assets in the PAN and the PSUM (formerly the Communist Party of Mexico), High replied: "I disagree, I think it would be very interesting to see what might come after the PRI. . . . I'm for democracy, not for just one party, so I think it is important to have other parties. The PAN is another party; I even think it's fine to have the PSUM."

Reagan authorizes preemptive strikes against terrorism

President Ronald Reagan signed a national security policy document authorizing the United States to take preemptive measures or reprisals against terrorism, it was reported April 15. The document, National Security Decision Directive 138, was issued April 3 in response to the kamikaze-terrorist murder of 241 United States servicemen in Beirut last October.

NSDD 138 permits the use of force against terrorists and terrorist enclaves by CIA and FBI paramilitary teams and Pentagon military units. It authorizes rewards of up to \$500,000 for information on terrorist activities, and directs 26 federal agencies to provide the President with options for implementation of the new policy. State and Defense Department sources said that the directive will coordinate anti-terror efforts already undertaken in the following areas: intensified intelligence collection by the FBI, DIA and CIA, with a focus on the Middle East and the phenomenon of suicide terrorists; creation and training of CIA paramilitary squads and Pentagon units in each of the military service branches, to act under the direction of a newly created Joint Special Operations Agency to Act Overseas, under

the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and increasing security for potential U.S. targets.

Senator Jeremiah Denton (D-Ala.) is sponsoring legislation to oppose Reagan's preemptive anti-terrorist initiative. The Denton bill would give control over U.S. anti-terror intelligence and operations to the FBI. Supporters of the Denton bill, including the Heritage Foundation's Joel Lisker, were notorious for their tirades against "overreaction" to the very Beirut terror bombing which inspired the Reagan "get tough" policy.

Weinberger: U.S. cannot afford 'another Cuba'

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger warned an audience at Yale University April 18 that the strength of the Soviet Union has thrown the military balance out of U.S. favor.

Weinberger also said that while the Reagan administration has "no plans for direct armed intervention" in Central America, it is a critical part of the defense of the continental United States.

He said that administration-backed groups in the area "are by no means perfect," but what must be considered was the alternative, "another Cuba."

Press attacks Weinberger, nuclear power industry

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, an outspoken supporter of U.S. beam weapon defense policy, and the pro-nuclear development lobby in U.S. industry have become the targets of a new dirty-tricks operation.

Front-page articles in the *Washington Post* and *San Francisco Chronicle* April 20 and 21 claim that the Justice Department and FBI have begun an investigation of the Bechtel Corporation's ostensible use of a consultant to "bribe South Korean officials" between 1978 and 1980 to obtain nuclear power plant contracts. Weinberger was during that period vice-president, general counsel, and director of Bechtel.

The *Post* notes that Bechtel had been in the forefront of nuclear power plant construction from the beginning. In addition, Bechtel's international capabilities have been critical in shaping U.S. industrial relations with South Korea. In the 1970s, South Korea had launched one of the most ambitious nuclear plant development programs in the world, with public plans to build 21 plants.

Hentoff hits hospital murder of infants

Village Voice reporter Nat Hentoff attacked a recent medical program in Oklahoma that condemned tens of handicapped infants to death, in an article that appeared in the *Washington Post* April 19 under the title "Life and Death Lottery in the Nursery."

The program, described in the October 1983 issue of *Pediatrics*, used the following formula for identifying which of those infants born with spina bifida should receive treatment at birth. The formula assessed QL (Quality of Life) in terms of NE (Natural Endowment) times (HS) (support from Home and Society). Any child considered lacking in the latter two factors would not be treated by the hospital.

In the study 69 infants were chosen and evaluated with these criteria. Those who were treated lived, and those who were not treated died. Hentoff professed shock that the "Civil Rights establishment" had nothing to say about the destruction of these infants.

Ol' Pete's strange critter

Ol' Pete down at the zoo was tellin' me 'bout this peculiar critter that arrived there the other day. Seems that nobody ever seen nothin' like it before, but one thing they all agreed on was it sure smelled like a pig, so they put the thing in with the pigs.

Next thing you know, the pigs was squealin' all about, complainin' about this thing. Pete went down to 'vestigate, and the head pig tole him whereas the critter did

smell like a pig, nevertheless it spoke with a forked tongue and was definitely *not* a pig. So they held a pow-wow and reconsidered, and decided to dump the thing in with the snakes.

Well, the snakes didn't take to this too kindly either, and allowed as the thing might talk like a snake, but that any side you looked at it, the thing *looked* like a horse's ass. Then the horses got all in a snit, sayin' that they wouldn't have any part of the critter, since it definitely smelled like a pig.

Finally, they decided to form sort of a trilateral commission, the pigs, the horses, and the snakes, although the horses would only attend the meetin' with their rear ends, sayin' that was the only part of their anatomy the critter resembled. When it was all over, they sent the head pig to talk to Pete, and he agreed.

So the next day, they built a new pen, with tall walls and just a few cracks to look through, way over in the south corner, sorta downwind of the other folk. You can see if you go there, with the sign they put up saying:

H. KISSINGERIS, var. SOVIETICUS
common name
Pot Bellied Fink

LaRouche will 'pack' Supreme Court to protect workers' rights

"We are going to campaign to stop the travesty against workers' rights where a union contract can be torn up and workers forced to be unemployed or to work without the wages and benefits that their union has negotiated for them," a spokesman for Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. announced April 17. Employers such as Continental Air Lines have used the recent Supreme Court decision in *NLRB vs. Bildisco and Bildisco*, which allows employers to abrogate negotiated labor contracts by filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

"If the Supreme Court won't uphold the rights of labor, then LaRouche has vowed to 'pack' the Supreme Court with judges who will obey the U.S. Constitution and protect the rights of labor," he said.

Briefly

● **THE FBI** showed far greater zeal in pursuing several innocent youths in Manhasset, New York April 16 than it seems able to muster in tracking down Khomeini-supported terrorists operating in the United States. The Joint Terror Task Force ambushed a van driven by youths who had stopped near the Soviet compound in Manhasset. When an armed man in camouflage battle gear stepped out of the bushes, the terrified youths sped off, honking their horn to summon police protection. Four members of the task force, commanded by two FBI agents, apprehended the youths by shooting out the van's tires. They held the youths at gunpoint, arraigning the 17-year-old driver at the Manhasset police station on charges of assault, reckless endangerment, and resisting arrest.

● **GARY HART**, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, was praised by Union of Concerned Scientists consultant Gordon Thompson April 19 in a *Baltimore Sun* op-ed. Thompson stated that Hart's call for a "plutonium freeze" was "a promising measure that deserves further attention."

● **SENATOR PAUL TRIBBLE** (R-Va.) called April 19 for Edwin Meese to withdraw his name from consideration for attorney general because his nomination is causing a distracting election-year controversy. Tribble is the first Republican in the GOP-controlled Senate to call publicly for Meese to drop out of contention for the top law enforcement post.

● **INVESTIGATIVE LEADS**, the biweekly newsletter published by *EIR*, has created a new Terrorist Alert Service available for \$2,500 per year. Introductory subscriptions are \$550 for 13 weeks. With the Terrorist Alert Service, subscribers will receive the \$250 "Olympic Terrorist Report," which gives a comprehensive map of terrorist networks in the United States.