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Egypt's Mubarak on W. European peace tour

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak left on Oct. 29 for a trip to France and West Germany to seek support for a Mideast peace initiative. The goal of his trip was described by the official newspaper *Al Ahram* on Oct. 27: "Egypt is determined not to pay the price of a new Yalta agreement between Washington and Moscow over the Middle East."

Since the reestablishment of ties between Jordan and Egypt two weeks earlier, Mubarak has reasserted Egypt's position as a leader of the Arab world, and it was announced that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has invited him to Baghdad. Mubarak, shortly before his European trip, had written to President Reagan, calling upon him to exclude Henry Kissinger from all influence over U.S. Mideast policy.

Gains for Greens in Baden-Württemberg vote

West Germany's radical-environmentalist Green party continued their recent electoral gains, winning two-digit totals in local elections throughout the state of Baden-Württemberg on Oct. 28.

The Greens gained by around 7% on the average, with the largest totals in the university cities: Heidelberg—18%, Stuttgart—15%, Heilbronn—11.5%, Freiburg—17.5%, Karlsruhe—12%, Ulm—11%, and Tübingen—over 30% for the two Green slates combined. The Greens profited from the unprecedentedly low voter participation of 53%, and received strong support from the Anthroposoph cult movement, which is based in Stuttgart.

Most remarkable was the jump from 5% to more than 15% in the state capital of Stuttgart, where the Greens are expected to occupy one of the mayor's posts now. In Tübingen, the Greens emerged as the second-largest party behind the Christian Democrats (CDU).

The "established" parties responded to the vote gains for the Green fascists with a

shrug. Christian Democratic state governor Lothar Späth said his party was "fully content with the outcome of the elections, because the losses were on the side of the SPD [Social Democratic Party] mainly."

SPD federal General Manager Peter Glotz said that the Greens "must be considered a bourgeois party like the CDU." Glotz added that he could imagine "coalitions between SPD and Greens on a federal level as much as coalitions between SPD and CDU. It depends on what policies can be implemented best with whom."

Japan's Nakasone wins crucial party election

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone was re-elected president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) on Oct. 31, which ensures his re-election to the prime ministership for the next two years. Under Nakasone's leadership, Japan will maintain its close strategic ties to the United States and continue to expand its "bridging role" between North and South. Nakasone is expected to reshuffle his cabinet.

By winning the LDP vote, Nakasone will be the first prime minister since 1972 to serve for two consecutive terms. The factional battles within the LDP which threatened Nakasone's re-election were put to rest on Oct. 28, when his rivals, Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe and former Foreign Minister and Kissinger friend Kiichi Miyazawa, withdrew their names from consideration.

High-level Soviet leaders visit Japan

A Soviet delegation led by Politburo member and Supreme Soviet Presidium member Dinmukhammed Kunayev has met with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and Finance Minister Shintaro Abe during an eight-day visit to Japan, which began during the last week of October. The delegation, the most important since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, includes Central Committee member Vadim

Zagladin and Andrei Alexandrov, an aide to President Konstantin Chernenko.

The Soviets are offering political negotiations aimed at drawing up a Japanese-Soviet peace treaty, and economic and cultural cooperation. A Japanese finance ministry official said that "Japan cannot accept any proposal to improve economic relations without reference to political questions, including the territorial issue [the northern Japanese islands which were occupied by the U.S.S.R. during World War II and never returned]."

Nicaragua gets advanced radar from Bulgaria

Nicaragua has received the sophisticated radar equipment it needs to support and direct advanced combat aircraft, U.S. intelligence sources said Oct. 26. The country's third Ground Control Intercept (GCI) radar was just unloaded from the Bulgarian Ship Christo Dotev, docked at Bluefields. The Nicaraguans already have installed GCI radars at Masaya, near Managua, and at Esteli in the northern part of the country.

The addition of this third system completes the three-point system needed to guide advanced combat planes and also pinpoint attack by aircraft and missiles. Nicaragua is also in the process of purchasing advanced L-39 fighter bombers from Czechoslovakia. U.S. intelligence sources said the L-39 is far more suitable than Soviet MiGs for fighting the guerrilla actions of the Contras. They also warned that the L-39 is "far superior" to the U.S.-made A-37 combat aircraft of the Honduran Air Force. The crates of the L-39 are presently in a Black Sea port, and are being carefully monitored by the United States.

Venezuelan TFP cult called 'un-Christian'

The official spokesman for the Venezuelan Bishops Council challenged the Tradition, Family, and Property cult to give up its pre-

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tentions to being Christians and instead "join the Church." Father Amador Merino Gómez observed that the TFP never cites Catholic Church doctrine since Vatican II. He declared, "I have not been able to figure out the precise meaning and scope of the words 'tradition, family, and property.' I gather that 'tradition,' especially in reference to Church doctrine, is based on the writings of certain Christian authors so as to justify their calling themselves 'Catholic' and defending what they call 'Christian civilization.'"

Father Merino spoke on Oct. 28 on Caracas television and was quoted in the daily *El Nacional* on Nov. 1.

Swedish Social Democrat receives death threat

Thorwald Arwidsson, a Social Democratic local leader from Oestermalm who last summer joined the campaign by the European Labor Party (EAP) for Sweden to join the Western alliance, charges in a recent interview that he received a death threat during the Oestermalm local Social Democratic Party board meeting.

The EAP is the Swedish political party founded by collaborators of U.S. political figure Lyndon H. LaRouche.

Arwidsson is interviewed in the current issue of *Kontra*, which publishes a two-page story, headlined "Social Democrat Receives Death Threat at Party Board Meeting," with a picture of him holding his Social Democratic Party membership book and standing in front of an American flag. Arwidsson is asked by *Kontra* journalist Filip Lundberg: "For what reason, then, did you get in touch with the EAP?" Arwidsson: "Because I was frozen out of the [Social Democratic] party. Because there is no room for debate in the party. Also other people used the EAP as a channel to open up a debate, people like Jueri Lina, Alf Enerstroem, and Hans Ericson. I do not necessarily agree with everything the EAP says. For instance the development of beam weapons, the deployment of neutron bombs and such things surpass my competence. But I and the EAP are very close in the one central issue of Sweden's

political and national security situation."

Arwidsson continues: "The reaction of my party friends to my contact with the EAP had the result that I had my life indirectly threatened at the August 21 board meeting of the Oestermalm Social Democratic Party board. . . . Indeed, I did expect a strong reaction within the party. In one sense, I took this stand to measure the sentiments. I see my own case as a test-case. But I did not expect to have my life threatened at a party board meeting. This is a little too upsetting."

Mexican politicians score U.S. ambassador Gavin

Leading Mexican political figures have gone on the offensive against U.S. Ambassador to Mexico John Gavin, who has been openly plotting with the Nazi-communist National Action Party (PAN) to overthrow the Mexican government. On Oct. 27, Irma Cue de Duarte, secretary general of the ruling PRI party, blasted Gavin in Veracruz, stating that he must stop making declarations about the policies of the government of President Miguel de la Madrid. She pointed out that he should limit himself to carrying out diplomatic tasks in the interest of the U.S.

Senator Hugo B. Margain, president of the Foreign Relations Commission of the Senate, stated on Oct. 26 that the "Secretariat of Foreign Relations has to act in the face of the recurring interventions of Ambassador John Gavin in the internal affairs of Mexico." Margain reiterated that Gavin has interfered in the internal affairs of Mexican politics, despite protests of PRI President Adolfo Lugo Verduzco.

At the same time, Senator Humberto Hernández Haddad, secretary of foreign relations of the PRI, stated that Gavin is interfering in matters that are exclusively Mexican, and that his attitude "puts in jeopardy the greatest interests of the nation." He pointed out that "we will not permit that accredited ambassadors to the government of Mexico surpass their diplomatic functions, to enter into territory that is exclusively the dominion of the Mexicans to decide their own national destiny."

● **TERRORISTS** blew up a bus carrying Arab passengers traveling from Hebron in the occupied West Bank to East Jerusalem on Oct. 28. Right after the incident, a group claiming responsibility called the Israeli press and said that the bombing was in retaliation for the recent murder of two Israeli hikers. Under suspicion for the new bombing is the same band of "Jewish underground" terrorists who blew up an Arab bus several weeks before. This "underground" is linked to the Jerusalem Temple Mount Foundation and to Rabbi Meir Kahane.

● **BRITISH STRIKERS** from the Mineworkers union are receiving aid from the Libyan government, the French weekly *Vendredi Samedi Dimanche (VSD)* reported in its Oct. 25 issue. The chief of the mineworkers' admits to having met with a personal representative of Colonel Qaddafi in Paris early in October.

● **BRITAIN'S QUEEN** Mother and her grandson Prince Charles went to Italy during the last week of October and visited the Very Serene Republic of Venice. The official pretext for the visit was a ceremony to thank the British for the help they gave to Venice following the 1966 flood. After the ceremony, the Queen had a tour on a gondola, but Venice couldn't resist showing its contempt for the "parvenue British lady": The Queen mother was received by Venice cultural councilman Domenico Crivelari dressed in tattered old blue jeans, because "he had no time to change."

● **THE SWEDISH** Moderate Youth Organization (MUF) has presented a motion demanding a 4% real increase in defense spending annually, to be legislated in the event the Moderates win the elections next year. The Moderate Party Board rejected the MUF's motion.