

International Intelligence

West German army fortifies border

News leaks about large-scale fortification work-in-progress in South Germany caused some alarm in Bonn on Nov. 16. It was made public that the West German armed forces have been building anti-tank barriers in the southern German regions bordering on Austria. When pressed for explanations, the Defense Ministry in Bonn informed the media that "these measures are part of a routine improvement of conventional defense in the south of our country, but they are considered necessary because we have to be prepared for a situation where the Soviets would not respect Austrian neutrality in times of conflict and carry out a tank attack against our territory through neutral Austria."

The news follows similar news in late October that the German Ministry of Defense has issued orders to the country's air-force squadrons to have more exercises close to the Austrian border. The official explanation given then was almost the same as in the case of the present construction of anti-tank barriers: "Austrian air defense and air surveillance is too weak to guarantee that no intrusion by Warsaw Pact aircraft can occur through the airspace of neutral Austria."

When asked for a comment, Austria's Defense Minister Frischenschlager disappointed scandal-hungry journalists in Vienna by stating dryly: "Austria has the same concerns that its neutrality might not be respected in times of conflict."

NATO general warns of Soviet threat

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's biographer, Patrick Cosgrave, wrote in the Nov. 22 *Wall Street Journal*, under the headline "NATO's Northern Flank," that a "senior general" at NATO's AFNORTH northern flank command center says that the Soviets might make a strike against the northern flank without provoking a NATO response.

Asked if a Soviet strike against Scandinavia is likely, the general said: "Anything is likely, but if the Soviets want to do something, they're more likely to do it here than in the central region. The world—and that means the Yanks—would certainly fight any probe against Germany. But if the Soviets were to grab a couple of northern islands, for example, and just sit there, I don't quite know what would happen. The most obvious to the layman would be a land attack down the peninsula. I don't think that is likely. . . . But, look at Svalbard."

Writes Cosgrave: "As I was looking at Svalbard on the map, one of the general's colleagues suggested that the more likely thrust in Scandinavia would be an air-borne Russian raid on Copenhagen. AFNORTH simply didn't have the support facilities to protect its area. There are a great many other northern islands, of which the largest and best known, Iceland, also has a large and powerful Communist Party. A sudden Soviet landing there would give the U.S.S.R. and its navy immediate access to the Atlantic through the northern approaches. But how would NATO respond—how would Western opinion respond—were such a landing to be welcomed by an Icelandic Communist government and if the Soviets were to claim they were following America's lead in Grenada? That the Soviets are already probing the allies' northern flank is indicated by the constant intrusions of Soviet submarines in Swedish waters and, most of all, the massive Soviet naval exercise in the North Sea earlier this year."

Cheysson attacks U.S. policy

At a press conference held on Nov. 20 at the French embassy in Washington, D.C., French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson denounced U.S. policy toward Libya, pointing to profound differences between France and the United States on how to deal with Qaddafi.

While Cheysson urged Americans to accept the Libyan madman as a "fact of life," Qaddafi was committing his latest outrage,

threatening the life of Egyptian President Mubarak, who has launched an international offensive against the world's foremost terrorist controller and Soviet asset.

Cheysson complained that, in his talks with Vice-President Bush, Secretary of State Shultz, and Defense Secretary Weinberger, there was no agreement on questions relating to Libya and Qaddafi. American officials pointed out that Libya's blatant violation of its agreements with France in Chad indicates it cannot be trusted.

"It is very well known that the Americans, having a certain idea of Colonel Qaddafi and his activities in the region, and in the world, draw certain conclusions on how this case should be handled, which are not ours. . . .

"Colonel Qaddafi is, I may say, a fact," he continued. "He is there. He is the leader of Libya. Libya is an independent country. Libyans are a country. Libyans are a people one must respect like any people in the world.

"Colonel Qaddafi has a certain authority, very large in his own country, not insignificant in other countries. In particular, his action is significant for countries which are very close friends of France—Tunisia, Algeria, Niger, Chad, Egypt, and many others. So to ignore him would be a political mistake. We want to have normal relations with Libya."

Sri Lanka hit with Tamil terror

In the wake of the assassination of Mrs. Gandhi, the entire Indian subcontinent is being hit with destabilization operations. On Nov. 20, a police complex in northern Sri Lanka was bombed, killing at least 40 officers. The method used—a truck driven into the building—indicates it was probably a kamikaze attack by Tamil guerrillas. The bombing took place in the predominantly Tamil northern province of Jaffna.

The day before, the commander of the army's northern security forces, Colonel A. Ariyapperuma, died when a land mine exploded.

The timing of the escalation of terrorism

in Sri Lanka is not accidental. The suspicion among Sri Lankan authorities is that the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, which is run by a regional party opposed to the Gandhi government, is harboring and training the terrorists. Therefore, terrorism in Sri Lanka is designed not only to destabilize Sri Lanka, but to present Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi with a series of immediate crises.

Reverend Moon condemned by Vatican

The Vatican tried to stop the Catholic University of La Plata, Argentina, from issuing honorary doctorates in mid-November to Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his aide, Col. Bo Hi Pak, the Vatican's representatives in Washington and New York announced on Nov. 17. The doctorates were given in a ceremony in the United Nations delegates dining room.

Papal Nuncio Pio Laghi issued a communiqué in Washington stating that the president of the university violated an order from his bishop to withhold the degrees. "The Holy See can only profoundly lament this act of total disobedience," the Nuncio added. The bishop, who lauded Moon in 1982, had apparently been urged by the Vatican to change his ways.

Reverend Moon's friends at the university include a man involved in a bizarre sex killing. Moon has been funding the university's "social communications" department since 1980, and it serves as his base of operations in Argentina.

Strauss: Greens mean the end of democracy

Franz-Josef Strauss, the chairman of West Germany's Christian Social Union party, continued his public attacks on the Greens on Nov. 19 with an interview published in the daily *Bildzeitung*. Strauss, who attacked Green Otto Schily a week earlier, by pointing referring to Schily's past as a lawyer

for terrorists, said: "The [Flick scandal investigation] committee is turning more and more into an instrument of interrogation led by the Green deputy Schily, who previously defended terrorists in courts."

Strauss remarked that the committee, which has the right to hold such hearings, has, under the influence of Schily, turned into a jury "which reminds one in a striking way of show trials." He criticized his own party colleagues on the committee for not blocking Schily's machinations.

"I am against the Greens because, first, they don't give a damn about democracy; second, because they create sentiments by demagogic means in order to win votes; and third, because they want to step out of modern industrial society and thus aim at economic and social impoverishment, with yet unforeseeable mass unemployment ensuing."

Strauss also repudiated the demands for a red-green coalition made by metal worker bureaucrat Janzen by pointing out that the Greens' policy is "against the interests of the 25 million employed and 2 million unemployed labor force in this country."

Soviets claim subs searching for 'Atlantis'

Soviet spy submarines have been detected operating off Gibraltar, in an area containing strategically vital military installations.

According to an editorial in the British *Daily Express* on Nov. 19, the Soviets protest that all they are doing is "searching for the lost city of Atlantis." Presumably, concludes the editorial, "they told that one to the marines."

In an accompanying article, the *Express* reports that it was revealed on Nov. 18 that Soviet submarines are indeed operating on the seabed off Gibraltar. According to the Geneva-based *International Defense Review*, their tracks match those of the intruder subs which crawled across the seabed and entered a Swedish secret military area two years ago. The Soviets have two versions of the midget subs, both of which can operate below 300 feet.

Briefly

● **THE SWEDISH** Green Party (Miljöpartiet) has announced that it will finance its election campaign this year by having "all members and sympathizers . . . give blood or blood plasma and give the revenues to the Green Party"! The Swedish Labor Party has accordingly considered demanding a medical alert be declared for an expected AIDS pandemic in the country during the 1985 election campaign period.

● **THE POPE** has ordered construction of an electronic communications center in the fallout shelter of the Vatican, according to the French magazine, *Vendredi, Samedi, Dimanche*. This very modern communications center will connect up with most data banks and government offices in the Western world. It will be monitored by six young priests selected and checked by the Vatican, as well as Italian and American secret services. Not even Vatican Foreign Minister Cardinal Casaroli will have clearance to enter the computer center.

● **NICARAGUA** is negotiating with the Soviets the purchase of MiG-21 fighters, Nicaragua's ambassador to Spain, Orlando Castillo, declared on Nov. 18 in Spain. He insisted Nicaragua has the right to defend itself and that it was also buying land-air rockets, "to prevent recurrence of the constant violations of our air space."

● **THE KHALISTAN** Sikh terrorists are creating the Khalsa International Public Limited Bank in London as the "central bank" of the future "Sikh nation," and its leading advisor is a Cambridge economist, Dr. Ajit Singh. According to the November 10 issue of the *Hindustan Times*, the bank will be chaired by one Mota Singh, and Chauhan Singh, leader of the so-called Khalistan Liberation Front, will be on its board. Ajit Singh went to Mexico in the fall of 1982 to work against Operation Juárez, the plan developed by Lyndon H. LaRouche to provide a productive solution to the debt crisis.