

International Intelligence

Mexicans: Gavin should be persona non grata

Congressmen from Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) and three leftist parties on Dec. 11 asked the Mexican government to declare U.S. Ambassador John Gavin *persona non grata*, because his "hypocritical and bad intentioned . . . statements against our country are part of a United States campaign to discredit our country." The four deputies included Joaquin del Olmo, a stalwart of the labor sector of the PRI, and the head deputies of the PPS, PST, and PSUM parties.

They were responding to a request made Dec. 10 by an official representative of the foreign ministry for Congress to advise the executive on whether to take action against Gavin. The foreign ministry was keeping a close watch on Gavin, the spokesman reported. The Mexican Senate's Tourism Committee also said it "echoed the public demand for the firing of Gavin." The committee was angry at his repeated warnings that Mexican roads were unsafe for American tourists. The only support for Gavin came, perhaps unintentionally, from National Action Party (PAN) supporters who complained about Gavin's belated and clumsy efforts to deny that the Republican Party had invited the PAN to be honored guests at its Dallas convention.

The anti-Mexico campaign appeared full bloom on Dec. 11 in Jack Anderson's syndicated column, which threatened that "civil war could break out south of the border, sending thousands of refugees fleeing north" if the PRI does not let the PAN win "a sweeping victory at the polls" in the 1985 elections.

Mubarak: 'U.S. helped create Qaddafi'

In an unprecedented diplomatic intervention, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was quoted in the Dec. 6 issue of the *Wall Street Journal* saying that "Colonel Qaddafi is partially an American product." In that inter-

view, which has been given prominent coverage inside Egypt, Mubarak said that Qaddafi remains in power only because of the American money he gets from selling his oil. "He then uses the money to finance international terrorism and destabilization and the U.S. does nothing!"

Mubarak also stressed that Egypt has no intention of resorting to military actions against Qaddafi now.

Such declarations are very strong signals to the American administration that Cairo has no intention of being used as cannon fodder against Qaddafi as long as those forces in the United States which put Qaddafi into power—such as Henry Kissinger—are still exerting major policy influence in Washington.

The need for the Egyptians to make such a point now is a result of the growing pressures on Cairo from State Department circles to go for a military action against Qaddafi in the coming weeks. However, Egyptian sources have stressed that although they are ready to go after him, they want a guarantee that what happened in 1977 won't happen again. At that time, fearing Soviet retaliation, President Carter prevented Egypt's military from reaching Tripoli and overthrowing Qaddafi.

Anti-communist groups arm Nicaraguan rebels

The World Anti-Communist League (WACL) and related organizations have been collecting \$500,000 per month to keep the Nicaraguan counter-revolutionaries (Contras) armed and fed since the Congress banned public funding of them, WACL president Gen. John K. Singlaub boasted to the press on Dec. 10. The well-being of the Nicaraguan Contras is vital to scenarios for population-reducing Vietnam-style wars in Central America.

WACL formed an Institute for Regional and International Studies in Boulder, Colo., headed by a *Soldier of Fortune* editor, to help El Salvadoran policemen and Nicaraguan Contras utilize the techniques of selective violence pioneered by the Mau Mau and the Viet Cong.

Working with the resident Swiss oligarch at the Defense Department, Fred Icklé, the WACL crew in May helped arrange for the infamous CIA manual on how to "neutralize" civilian opponents to the Sandinista regime. The scandal around this manual is now being used to try to force the resignation of CIA Director William Casey, a close Reagan supporter. WACL also works closely with Gen. Danny Graham, who is working to sabotage President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

Singlaub told UPI: "There are literally hundreds of people who have volunteered to go down" to provide "training," which could lead to a large-scale U.S. mercenary involvement.

The Contras have recently murdered 24 coffee harvestors and 7 telephone linemen. Singlaub told the *Washington Post* that he raised funds for the Contras from American corporations.

Italian crackdown hits 'citizens above suspicion'

A new wave of arrests in northern Italy and Sicily on Dec. 11 will put at least 110 mafia-connected figures behind bars in the latest phase of the largest crackdown against the secret society in recent years.

Thousands of police swept through Turin, Milan, and Catania, Sicily with 300 warrants, including many against high public officials. Among those arrested on charges of working with the mafia while in office were two top Catania magistrates and two Carabinieri, the paramilitary national police, who recently left their posts.

"This investigation has enabled us to identify several criminal associations which, often in coordinated actions, operated in Turin and in other regions of the country," declared Turin Attorney General Antonio Scardulla. "These associations were active in various crime sectors, from drug trafficking to contraband. They used methods of intimidation and made use of the persuasive force of the mafia-type structures to which they belonged."

The present offensive follows closely on the heels of a nationwide crackdown at the

end of September resulting from the testimony of former Palermo mafia boss Tommaso Buscetta—the first high-ranking member of the Sicilian mafia to turn state's evidence. Magistrates told reporters they had been helped by the confessions of some arrested mafia suspects, but declined to say whether Buscetta's confessions played a major role in their investigations.

Venezuelan opposition leader scores Reagan

Jose Rodriguez Iturbe, leader of Venezuela's Copei Party, lashed out at President Reagan in an interview published in the Dec. 11 *El Nacional* of Caracas. Rodriguez Iturbe is trying to sabotage the Contadora nations' peace plan and effect a U.S. invasion of Central America that will create the pretext for withdrawing U.S. troops from Western Europe.

Rodriguez Iturbe called for the "absolute repudiation" of what he said was Reagan's policy of accepting the terms of Contadora for peace and stability in Central America. He said: "On beginning his second term, Reagan is willing to achieve an equilibrium which we must be deeply worried about. . . . The United States seems to be seeking an entente with Mexico in the sense of promoting the Mexican model in Guatemala and Nicaragua . . . the PRIization of the Nicaraguan Revolution." The PRI is Mexico's ruling party.

Soustelle suit seeks to shut down French paper

A judgment is expected Jan. 9 in anthropologist Jacques Soustelle's civil libel suit against *Nouvelle Solidarité*, published by co-thinkers of former U.S. Independent Democratic presidential candidate, Lyndon H. LaRouche, which will tell whether it is possible in France today to print the truth about figures ostensibly "above suspicion."

By French law, the case is tried before a three-person panel of magistrates, rather than

a jury. French courts tend to be very protective of the plaintiff in libel cases, but in this suit the newspaper is being tried for virtual *lese majesté*—injury to the monarch—for having dared to attack a Member of the French Academy, leading political figure, "philosopher and scholar."

Nouvelle Solidarité wrote that Soustelle, world-famous founder of the "Americanist" school of anthropology, was a leading force behind the creation of Peru's Sendero Luminoso or Shining Path, one of the most savage terrorist cults in existence. *Nouvelle Solidarité's* attorney noted that Soustelle's book, *Four Suns*, has a full justification of Aztec human sacrifice, "without the shadow of a criticism." Anthropology is an "oriented science," he argued—oriented to keeping the Indians of South America in a miserable Stone Age condition, instead of giving them the benefits of the modern age. Soustelle's followers at the Sorbonne trained the leadership of the Shining Path at the University of Huamanga in Peru.

Swedish skulls called eugenics 'breakthrough'

The Dec. 11 issue of the Danish daily, *Jyllands-Posten*, reports that two sociologists, Richard Sotro and David Weston, have found a large collection of skulls collected at the beginning of the century at Lunds University. The skulls were originally collected as part of an extensive eugenics program set up to prove that Swedes are the purest of Germanic people and the world's most superior race.

The research led to race purification programs including forced sterilization on a large scale, which continued long after World War II.

Even though the country's forced sterilization law has been changed, it still exists, and according to the latest statistics, in 1979, seven people were castrated on "humanitarian grounds." Prof. Gunnar Myrdal and his wife, the disarmament advocate Alvar Myrdal, have argued for an extension of the forced sterilization law.

Briefly

● **TERRORIST** and separatist networks like those that carried out the assassination of Indira Gandhi are also creating crises in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. Increasing waves of sectarian and racist violence in those countries could cause enough political and social disintegration to precipitate famine like that currently taking place in Africa.

● **EGYPTIAN** intelligence sources report that the government has come under pressure from both the State Department and the British Foreign Office for having "dared" to foil a Qaddafi assassination plot several weeks ago against former Libyan Prime Minister Bakouh. Egyptian President Mubarak only announced that the attempt had been foiled after convincing Libya that it had succeeded. He also revealed the existence of a broader hit-list including at least seven Mideast and European heads of state.

● **DR. ABDEL MUNIN** al Mashhat of Cairo University's Department of Economics and Political Science, stated Dec. 3 that United States government clearly has two factions when it comes to peace in the Middle East. "The Defense Department has shown a great understanding of the Arab issues, including the question of Palestinian rights." The main problem was that many Arab governments were "still basically concentrating on the State Department."

● **THE EUROPEAN LABOR** Party of France staged an anti-François Mitterrand mobilization on Dec. 11. Over 350,000 leaflets were distributed throughout the country, stressing the dangers of Mitterrand's pro-Soviet policies and the need to rebuild France as a great nation with a positive republican role in world affairs, as under Charles de Gaulle. Also circulated were copies of the Declaration of the Inalienable Rights of Man, drafted by the Third International Schiller Institute Conference held in Virginia Nov. 22-23.