

## Northern Flank by A. Borealis

### 'See Moscow and die'

*That seems to be the lesson for the Danish Social Democrats this year. A tale of three stooges.*

On Aug. 13 a clear-cut warning was given to the anti-NATO left wing of the Danish Social Democracy: "Beware, it is dangerous to your political health to visit Moscow."

This message came in the form of the spectacular announcement by the former Social Democratic Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen, that he will retire from all political activities. The reason for his decision was the outcome of a scandal surrounding his and two other leading Social Democrats' visit to Moscow in October of last year.

The irony of the whole thing is that the scandal had been initiated by himself. But what really happened remains to be seen. Either Kjeld Olesen, once an internationally renowned star of the Danish Social Democracy, whom the *Times Magazine* in 1975 named as one of the world leaders of the future, made a suicidal political mistake or he was set up in an unusual Machiavellian way by unknown forces in Denmark.

The fatal scandal started on July 5, when Kjeld Olesen announced in the Social Democratic paper *Aktuelt* that he felt that he and his fellow socialists, who had accompanied him on the trip to Moscow, had been branded as "moles" by the Danish military intelligence. Kjeld Olesen had been informed by one of his military contacts that his visit to Moscow had been mentioned in the secret military intelligence newsletter *SIK-Nyt* under the column "Subversion."

The story caught on in the press like wildfire, but already the day after,

on July 6, both the Defense Minister Hans Engell and Prime Minister Poul Schlütter denied the whole story, stating that there had been no mention of the trip whatsoever in *SIK-Nyt* except for a small reprint of an announcement from *Pravda* mentioning the visit, and this was not even under the headline, Subversion.

But Kjeld Olesen insisted, claiming that his source was 200% reliable. Therefore, the prime minister invited Kjeld Olesen to look through the issues of *SIK-Nyt* to see if he could find the infamous article. Olesen accepted the offer and came out looking quite stupid. There had been no such article.

Obviously, the military contact of Kjeld Olesen, whom Mr. Olesen himself claimed was a close friend, had fed the former foreign minister to the lions, and on Aug. 13 he accepted the consequences, and withdrew from politics. Friend or foe, the unknown informant certainly did the Western Alliance a favor.

As laughable as the story might seem, the background was more than serious enough. In October of last year, three high-level Social Democrats decided to pay the Moscow leadership a visit to present their version of the disarmament proposal of West German Social Democratic éminence grise Egon Bahr and Swedish Premier Olof Palme, for "Nuclear-Free Zones in Scandinavia."

The three stooges were former Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen, former Energy Minister Poul Nielson, and the self-proclaimed champion of the

new Social Democratic anti-NATO policies Lasse Budtz.

In a series of meetings with top level Soviet officials, including Central Committee member Boris Ponomarev and Academy member Georgii Arbatov, the ridiculous and dangerous proposal for "de-nuclearization of Scandinavia" was discussed. Despite the fact that the entire Northern Flank of NATO, i.e., Denmark and Norway, and also Sweden and Finland is totally void of any nuclear weapons, the Soviets made it crystal clear that they have no intention whatsoever to remove their missiles from the Kola peninsula or the Soviet-occupied Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Nonetheless, the three stooges returned from their trip to Moscow claiming that they had received "positive signals" from the Soviets on the idea of "Nuclear Free-Zones." This resulted in a majority decision in the Danish Parliament on May 3, 1985, which forced the Conservative government to work actively for the establishment of a "Nuclear-Free Zone" in Scandinavia. The decision stipulated that the "Zone" should be guaranteed by both the United States and the Soviet Union.

Having learned nothing from his trip to Moscow and even less from the tragic fate of his travel companion, Lasse Budtz continued his blind subversion of Danish national security on Aug. 19 by stating to the communist paper *Land of Folk*, that due to reluctance on the side of the Americans to accept the idea of "Nuclear Free Zones," it would be enough to have the guarantee from the Soviets in order to establish this "Zone." Obviously, this would surrender Danish national security into the hands of the Soviets. One is tempted to say: "Mole Scoreboard: One down, two to go."