

# International Intelligence

## **Commander warns of narco-terrorist threat**

One of the greatest threats to the stability of Ibero-America is the growing alliance between the drug mafia and terrorists, Gen. John Galvin, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Southern Command, told the Senate Armed Services Committee March 11.

Galvin called drug trafficking an "awesome" challenge to our society. He continued: "The increasing level of cooperation and mutual support between drug dealers and terrorists can be clearly seen in the Colombian M-19 . . . attack on the Palace of Justice. . . . Drugs are a serious national security problem for Latin Americans and the United States. Fortunately, Latin Americans understand the danger and are increasingly willing to act. This is a major positive change. . . ."

"The links between drug dealers and insurgent groups are becoming more apparent. The bond needs to be cut before this practice spreads throughout the hemisphere. . . . We must eliminate this means of support for the guerrillas, thus enabling countries such as Colombia, Peru, and Ecuador to keep the insurgents at a manageable level."

General Galvin's testimony coheres with the report of President Reagan's Commission on Organized Crime, released March 3, which pointed out that terrorists and insurgents finance their operations through the drug trade. It called for the U.S. military to take a greater role in the war on drugs. FBI Director William Webster, on the other hand, insists that drugs and terrorism are unrelated.

## **Genscher limits SDI pact to commercial deals**

"We want no military agreement" on the Strategic Defense Initiative with the United States, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher told the German radio station Deutschlandfunk on March 13. "In

no case whatsoever" will Germany sign an SDI military cooperation agreement; "We are only interested," he said, in "framework conditions for the mutual transfer of scientific and technological knowledge."

The signing of any U.S.-German accord on the SDI has long been delayed because of Genscher's opposition. Instead of a government-to-government agreement for far-reaching technical and military cooperation, an agreement in principle has been reached on a low-profile, commercial pact governing SDI contracts.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl announced at a press conference after talks with U.S. Secretary of State Caspar Weinberger that "basic problems have been cleared away" with regard to such a pact. Economics Minister Martin Bangemann will go to Washington to finalize the negotiations. Washington wanted German Defense Minister Manfred Wörner to sign the agreements, but Genscher's foreign ministry refused to allow this.

## **Moscow journal aired complaints about Palme**

The Soviet monthly journal *International Affairs*, organ of the foreign ministry, complained in an article published before the assassination of Sweden's Prime Minister Olof Palme that Palme, despite his professions of friendship for the U.S.S.R., not lived up to expectations.

In the January 1986 issue, Yu. Denisov wrote: "Troubles in Soviet-Swedish relations also made themselves felt after the Olof Palme government came into office in 1982. Although the government's programmatic statement did refer to its intention to improve relations with the Soviet Union, it failed to take consistent and decisive practical steps in this direction. Admittedly, trade and economic ties, scientific and technological cooperation, and cultural contacts developed fairly well during that period. But, at the same time, the government was still under strong pressure from the right-wing opposition which grouped around the moderate party, and sharply opposed whatever

contacts and exchanges with the Soviet Union they deemed political."

Denisov noted positively that the Swedish trading company A. Johnson & Co. was the first Western firm to engage in trade with the Bolshevik regime, in May 1918. The company is tied to the Wallenberg/Gyllenhammer industrial group, which had been under pressure from Palme's government in recent months in connection with shady stock trading.

## **Look who's calling for 'democracy' in Mexico**

Leaders of Mexico's Nazi-communist National Action Party (PAN) have launched a campaign to "democratize" the country, right in step with U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms's (R-N.C.)

tures" and "corruption" in Washington hearings. At a meeting of the PAN in the city of Durango on March 15, leader Manuel J. Clouthier warned, "All political currents are demanding the democratization of the country; this change has been in the works for some time now, and will soon occur."

Who are these new "democrats"? The PAN is the party of drug-pushers, separatists, and Nazis, out to overthrow the central authority of the Mexican state. Clouthier, the largest landowner in the state of Sinaloa, is linked to drug-running circles, notably through his protégé Adalberto Rosas, a leader in neighboring Sonora. Press reports indicated that during the 1960s, police found marijuana stored at a warehouse belonging to Clouthier.

At the PAN's meeting in Durango, Rodolfo Elizondo Torres, the PAN candidate for governor of the state, proclaimed that the drive for "national reconstruction" is beginning, "and will not be built on the basis of what has already failed."

Elizondo was formerly mayor of the city of Durango, whose principal financial broker is Jaime Herrera Herrera, a drug-runner who was languishing in jail for narcotics-related crimes until his release by a corrupt judge in February of this year. Herrera, who

controls most of the state's "private sector" through construction companies, hotels, banks, resorts, and cabarets, is promoting the gubernatorial candidacy of Elizondo.

This "private sector" is now being boosted by none other than Coparmex, the PAN's business grouping which was formerly headed by Clouthier (with Rosas as his vice-president). The group has now released a series of demands for "economic reform," including privatizing the state-sector companies and turning to the "free market."

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### ***Moscow threatens to base nuclear weapons in space***

U.S. implementation of the Strategic Defense Initiative could "force" the Soviet Union to use orbiting space platforms as bases for nuclear missiles that could reach ground targets in two minutes, an 80-page Soviet report released March 14 warned. The warning contradicts previous assertions by Soviet scientists that they have not considered using orbiting platforms for launching nuclear warheads.

"The deployment of a large-scale (space based) anti-missile system will create a basically new situation in the assessment of deploying nuclear weapons in space," the report says. It was prepared by a group of Soviet scientists headed by Roald Sagdeyev, director of the Institute for Space Research.

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### ***Sharon to use party split to boost his position***

Ariel Sharon, the kingpin in a deal between the Soviet KGB and the Israeli Mossad, is attempting to assume the role of "peacemaker" in the Herut Party of Israel's Likud bloc, after the party's convention broke up in disarray on March 13. Sharon is making his own power bid to assume the party's top leadership post.

A bitter factional battle broke out at the

convention between Vice-Premier Yitzhak Shamir and David Levy, spokesman for Israel's Sephardic communities. No leader was elected at the convention.

"There will not be any split within Herut," Sharon told Israel's Armed Forces radio. "I will definitely make a great effort in the next days to restore harmony."

"Sharon Alone Unscathed After Herut Party Uproar," was the headline of an article in the *Times* of London on March 14. According to the *Times*, "Sharon, the rogue elephant of the party, alone emerged relatively unharmed from three days and nights of near constant vindictive abuse among the leaders." Sharon's "charisma and ability to fight against the odds" had been discounted by observers before the convention, but he was able to "appeal directly to delegates of both camps on the basis of his past reputation." So violent had the insults and fighting gotten at the convention, the *Times* reported, that Shamir attacked Levy as "a criminal" and a "man driven by megalomania."

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### ***Japan to decide soon on SDI participation***

A 55-member Japanese delegation will arrive in the United States on March 31, to discuss participation in the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative. The delegation will include representatives from Japanese companies. The group will visit the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Army's Strategic Defense Command, Hughes Aircraft Corp., and Lockheed Missiles and Space Corp.

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, who favors full participation in the program, is reported to want a final decision on the SDI before the early May economic summit in Tokyo. The Japanese foreign ministry is known to be more cautious on the SDI, and is headed by Shintaro Abe, who has aspirations of succeeding Nakasone.

At the beginning of April, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger will be going to Japan for a week of discussions.

## ***Briefly***

● **SIR JOHN GLUBB PASHA** died on March 17, at the age of 88. One of the gamemasters of British intelligence operations in the Middle East for the better part of this century, he had been head of the Arab Legion until fired by Jordan's King Hussein in 1956. Sir John was one of the creators of the Muslim Brotherhood organization of Islamic fundamentalists.

● **THE BULGARIAN Communist Party** has dismissed or punished more than 250 Sofia officials for "incompetence," and more purges are expected before the party congress in April.

● **VENEZUELAN JUDGE** Ana Luisa Gandica was fired on March 13, when it was discovered that she had not met the legal requirements for her post. Judge Gandica on Feb. 5, 1985 had authorized a raid on the offices of *EIR* in Caracas, shortly after the release of *EIR*'s book *Narcotráfico, SA*, the Spanish-language version of *Dope, Inc.* *EIR*'s correspondents were forced to leave Venezuela.

● **ISRAELI SPYMASTER** "Dirty" Rafi Eitan was chosen on March 17 as chairman of the state-run Israeli Chemicals firm. He was sponsored for the post by Minister of Trade and Industry Ariel Sharon; he was the controller of Jonathan Pollard, who was arrested on Nov. 26, 1985 for stealing U.S. military secrets.

● **RICHARD BURT**, the U.S. ambassador to West Germany, recently threw a party for members of the Green Party, at the American embassy in Bonn, the *New York Times* reported March 16. Greenie leader Petra Kelly gushed that Burt was "so charming that hardly anyone was able to make an argument against him."