

# International Intelligence

## Attack 'appeasement' by Euro foreign ministers

The foreign ministers of Italy and West Germany are coming under stiff criticism for their failure to support the U.S. military strike against Libya.

The Italian daily *Corriere della Sera* on April 17 blasted the policy of Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti as "appeasement at all costs." Qaddafi's terrorism, the article said, is a "war" carried out against the West; the "brain" of the terrorists is not in Libya or Syria, but in the Soviet Union, whose aim is "decoupling Europe from the U.S.A."

"If Europe continues on this road it is doomed to Finlandization," the article concludes, calling instead for a strengthening of the Atlantic Alliance.

On the same day, the conservative West German newspaper *Bayernkurier*, associated with Christian Social Union leader Franz Josef Strauss, hailed the speech by Chancellor Helmut Kohl in support of the U.S. moves, commenting that he only spoke so clearly because of the "lucky accident" that Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher "was not available as co-formulator of the official government declaration." The foreign ministry does not want to admit the role of the Libyan dictator in running terrorism, the newspaper charged.

## State attorney denounces slander of Zepp-LaRouche

In a hearing in Paris on April 17, the French state prosecutor recommended to the court that the newsweekly *L'Express* be condemned for "deliberate slander and defamation" of Helga Zepp-LaRouche.

Mrs. LaRouche is the national chairman of the European Labor Party (Europäische Arbeiterpartei—EAP) in West Germany, and the founder of the Schiller Institute. She is married to U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche.

The *L'Express* article, devoted to the

issue of East bloc subversion of Western intelligence agencies, introduced Mrs. LaRouche's name, falsely claiming that she had been born in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany), and claiming that unidentified Western intelligence agencies "believe" that the EAP is infiltrated by Eastern intelligence services.

In fact, said Maire Jean Marc Varaud, Mrs. LaRouche's lawyer, she was born in Trier, a Rhine city near the French border, as *L'Express* could readily have ascertained. Varaud called for maximum penalty and damages against *L'Express*.

The French state prosecutor indicated his agreement with this argument, noting that "the *L'Express* article was on East German infiltration of Western services and the extensive damage done to them by such infiltration. This worried the United States to the point of considering cutting intelligence relations with West Germany for a time. Their claim, in the midst of this, that Mrs. LaRouche was born in the G.D.R., when put in this context, is slanderous and defamatory by insinuation. The unverifiable generality about Western secret service concern over the EAP and Mrs. LaRouche is also slanderous and defamatory. This implies that Mrs. LaRouche is wittingly acting against her country. This constitutes deliberate defamation and slander not only of Mrs. LaRouche, but the EAP leadership as a whole. The author is not in good faith. Had he been in good faith, he would have checked Mrs. LaRouche's birthplace."

A judgment on the case will be handed down within four weeks.

## AIFLD agents plan violence in Colombia

Colombian trade-union officials Victor Acosta, Tulio Cuevas, and Alfonso Vargas are engaged in a plot with elements of drug-runner Gilberto Rodriguez's organized crime grouping, to carry out harassment and violent actions against members and collaborators of the Schiller Institute's Ibero-American Trade Union Commission in Colombia, the Institute has charged.

*EIR's* investigations reveal that the plot is being carried out with the knowledge and consent of William Doherty, executive director of the American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD), which receives funding from the U.S. State Department.

The three union officials are president, ex-president, and secretary-general, respectively, of the Workers' Union of Colombia (UTC), the country's largest trade-union confederation. All three are currently under investigation by the national labor ministry for suspected embezzlement of funds from the union treasury.

The Schiller Institute is an international cultural and foreign policy think-tank, which was founded on the initiative of Helga Zepp-LaRouche.

A spokesman for the Institute said that it will demand immediate U.S. congressional investigation of AIFLD's "collusion with known international drug-runners, and see to it that all U.S. government funding of AIFLD is halted at once."

## Social Democrats equate Qaddafi with U.S.A.

Leading officials of the West German Social Democratic Party placed an advertisement in all the leading German newspapers on April 18, calling for an end to "bombs," whether they come from Qaddafi's terrorists or from the U.S. military blow against those terrorists.

The ad, signed by top party officials Willy Brandt, Johannes Rau, and Hans-Jochen Vogel, was headlined: "Keep Peace—Stand Together for Reason and Prudence against Terror and Bombs."

The text says that after men, women, and children became victims of international terrorism, they then became victims of the American action against Libya. "A crisis against world peace escalates dangerously. . . . Many people in Europe are afraid that this new conflict also touches directly our security. . . ."

"Europe's ground is drenched with blood. We Europeans, we Germans, can say

therefore more clearly than others, that war-like confrontations solve no problems but lead more and more to destruction. Therefore, we want all citizens to sign our call and to resist those, who still see in terror, violence, and war a remedy of politics."

### **Secret German-U.S. SDI accord leaked to press**

The entire text of the secret agreement on the Strategic Defense Initiative, reached between Washington and Bonn on March 26, was published in a three-page spread by the Social Democratic-linked newspaper *Express* on April 18. The leak is intended by opponents of the SDI to sabotage the accord, which they say will damage the country's relations—including especially trade—with the East bloc.

The leak occurred the day after a stormy session of the Bundestag (parliament), in which parliamentarians from the opposition Social Democratic Party and the Greens, along with six members of the Free Democratic Party (which is part of the ruling coalition), demanded that the government publish the full text. Among those FDP members known to oppose the SDI accord is Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The demand was voted down by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's parliamentary majority.

The publisher of the newspaper, Alfred Neven du Mont, declared in a radio-interview April 18 that there is no doubt, that parts of the Bonn government itself had an extraordinary interest in publishing the secret contract.

### **Zaire says it will rejoin the OAU**

Zaire has agreed to rejoin the Organization of African Unity, which it left over a year ago in protest against the admission of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (S.A.D.R.—Western Sahara), a top official of Zaire's ruling party announced on April 12.

According to the Reuters news agency, Kithima Bin Ramazani, permanent secretary of the Central Committee of the Popular Movement for the Revolution (MPR), said that the move was in response to appeals from OAU chairman Abdou Diouf. But Ramazani said Zaire would only take its seat when the S.A.D.R. left its post as one of the body's vice-presidents at the end of its mandate. This could be at the OAU's next regular summit meeting in the summer.

Zaire is a supporter of Morocco, which claims the former Western Sahara as its territory. Morocco and Zaire left the Pan-African body in November 1984.

### **Bangkok Cathedral hosts Ibycus Orchestra concert**

The Assumption Cathedral in Bangkok, Thailand was filled to overflowing on April 12, for a concert of classical music performed by the Ibycus Orchestra of the Schiller Institute.

The concert featured vocal and orchestral works by Bach, Handel, Gounod, Schubert, and Mozart.

This is the second major performance by the orchestra, which was founded late last year and whose name is taken from the title of Friedrich Schiller's poem, "Die Kranische des Ibykus" ("The Cranes of Ibycus"). The aim of the group, which includes amateurs and music students as well as professionals, is to bring the greatest treasures of Western classical music to the nation of Thailand.

The only orchestra in Thailand which is not sponsored by the armed forces or the royal family, the Ibycus Orchestra was founded by Sophie Pachisawat Tanapura, *EIR's* Bangkok correspondent, along with her husband, Pakdee Tanapura, and Dr. Naron, director of the Bangkok School of Music.

The concert was organized by the Catholic Association of the cathedral, and was attended by Cardinal Mechai and the Papal Nuncio, the Vatican representative in the country.

## Briefly

● **ALL BUT ONE** of Philippines President Cory Aquino's 17 cabinet members and closest advisers are millionaires, according to information released by the Philippines government. Only presidential spokesman Saguisag failed to fall into this category.

● **PETER PETERSON**, former chairman of the Lehman Brothers, Kuhn Loeb investment bank, has been appointed special U.S. envoy to Israel to discuss the Marshall Plan for the Middle East proposed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Peterson's appointment was influenced by White House Chief of Staff Don Regan, according to sources, and is intended to prevent the plan from being realized.

● **U.S. FUNDING** for the U.N. Fund for Population Activities may be completely cut off, because of reports of forced abortions in China, U.N. representative in Peking Manfred Kulesa said on April 16. He said that his program had only contributed to contraceptive programs. Of the 1986 U.N. budget of \$140 million for family planning programs, the United States contributed about \$35 million.

● **PIZZA CONNECTION** goes on trial: The court of appeals in Lugano, Switzerland, has ruled to hand down jail terms of five years and six months for Vito Palazzolo, and four years for Franco della Torre, for their role in the "Pizza Connection" drug-trafficking operation.

● **'PANAMA'S** military, stung by allegations it is involved in drug trafficking, is cracking down on narcotics smugglers," UPI reports, in a departure from standard U.S. press attacks on the Panamanian Defense Forces. In the last month, the military has confiscated 300 kilos of cocaine, 230 barrels of a cocaine-processing chemical, and aided U.S. drug officials in an operation that snared another 330 kilos of cocaine.