

# International Intelligence

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## ***Philippine defense chief rules against 'neutrality'***

In a statement issued at the end of May, Philippine Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile called the idea of the Philippines becoming a neutral country "wishful thinking and daydreams." He was apparently referring to President Corazon Aquino's efforts to negotiate a ceasefire with the Communists.

"Issues affecting national security do not partake of ideal situations, but of stark realities in the environment. Unlike in the case of political or social and economic decisions, the cost in security decisions can be fatal for a nation," he said. The Philippines has to "take concrete steps to lay down firm foundations for its security, and provide the means to ensure it by combining the power that can be mustered at home with the support that can be found abroad, among nations sharing the same ideals, interests, and aspirations."

He said that the Philippines would continue to seek the security of the U.S. nuclear umbrella in the interests of maintaining the balance of power and stability in Asia.

Meanwhile, there is a reported growth of terrorism on Mindanao Island by the New Peoples' Army (NPA), the guerrilla arm of the Communist Party of the Philippines. Recent assassinations of military officers, and informers and defectors from the NPA have increased. According to church authorities, at least 30 insurgents suspected of being "deep penetration agents" of the Philippine military have been ruthlessly slaughtered and many others tortured.

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## ***German bishop backs Green terrorism***

The head of the German Catholic Bishops Conference has declared his support for the Green Party's Soviet-directed campaign against nuclear power. Cardinal Joseph Höffner intervened in the current nuclear

debate in Germany on the side of the ecologists by stating that the Catholic church "understands people's fears of nuclear technology."

Höffner stated: "More and more people have realized that technology and science alone cannot rule the world . . . but that there must be ethics, too." Instead of "mere economic concern," there should be "concern for the nuclear safety question," said Höffner, adding that one must "secure the genetic material of future generations." Nuclear technology, being the "most risky form of technology," should be replaced by alternate energy sources, he said.

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## ***Warn of 'ignorance' of German situation***

U.S. ignorance of the present situation in Germany could result in a collapse of the Atlantic Alliance, an article in *Retired Officer Magazine* warns. *EIR's* editors judge the article, by Lt.-Col. Eric Waldman (USAR-Ret.), one of the more competent pieces on West Germany presented in a U.S. publication—although it diplomatically avoids mention of the role of U.S. Ambassador Richard Burt and the U.S. State Department in the "neutralization" of the Federal Republic. It does lay some of blame on the U.S. media.

Citing the rise of the "Nazi-like" Green Party and the left-wing of the Social Democratic Party, Lt.-Col. Waldman warns of an Social-Democratic plan for neutralization to "effectively separate the Federal Republic of Germany from the U.S., a known Soviet policy objective in Europe."

Under a subhead, "Collaboration with Soviets," Waldman singles out Willy Brandt and Saarland Minister-President Oskar LaFontaine as the two leading advocates of this policy. He also states that, where at one time SPD collaboration with the Communist Party was prohibited, there are now frequent "unity of actions" between the SPD, the Communists, and the Greens. The result has been an increase of influence of the Communist Party among trade unions and youth, he states.

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## ***Linowitz network works to legalize cocaine***

Members of former Panama Canal treaty-negotiator Sol Linowitz's Inter-American Dialogue recently proposed the "selective legalization" of the drug trade, and are now actively campaigning for that in Ibero-American nations.

In its May 28 edition, the largest circulation magazine in Brazil, *Veja*, published an extensive report promoting the consumption of cocaine.

Roberto Civita, president of Avril publishing house, owner of *Veja*, is a member of the Inter-American Dialogue.

Asserting that cocaine use has grown enormously among "young executives," *Veja* explains that, unlike marijuana, which puts one to sleep, cocaine, "the way it is currently being used, brings with it the promise not only of enabling its user to take on the most difficult challenges of society, but also of making him better than others at his job."

The unsigned feature article offers the case of Sigmund Freud who, 100 years ago, experimented with the drug. It then seeks to justify its propaganda by parading the "opinions" of "psychologists" who provide culturally relativistic arguments to justify drug usage.

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## ***Ecuador's Febres Cordero loses in landslide***

President of Ecuador Leon Febres Cordero and his Conservative Party have suffered a humiliating defeat in legislative elections, according to Reuter wire services. His government has been an active collaborator in the Reagan administration's "free enterprise" projects in the region, and has imposed an austerity program drawn up by the International Monetary Fund on Ecuador.

In what Reuter termed a "crushing defeat," Febres Cordero lost a referendum on electoral reform and fell below 50% of

congressional seats. Opposition parties ranging from Christian Democratic to Marxist won additional seats. The Conservatives do maintain a plurality, but must now form a coalition.

On a referendum to legalize candidates without a party, promoted by Febres Cordero himself, "no" votes were over 70%. The Conservative Party lost most of its votes in the more important urban areas—the areas around Guayaquil, Quito, and Porto Viejo.

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### ***Bronfman's mafia threatens Waldheim***

Israeli mafia leader Samuel Flatto-Sharon has publicly put out a contract on the life of Austria's Kurt Waldheim, the former U.N. secretary-general and Austrian presidential candidate accused of a Nazi past by Edgar Bronfman's World Jewish Congress.

Flatto-Sharon, a fugitive from French justice who avoided extradition on a variety of fraud charges by buying himself a seat in the Israeli Knesset, announced on June 3, that he would be forming a commando squad to "liquidate" Waldheim, if the latter "does not resign his functions in the 90 days following his possible election" as Austrian President on June 8. The quotes appeared in the June 4 *El Pais* of Spain.

*El Pais*'s Jerusalem correspondent quotes Flatto-Sharon saying that the commando squad would be composed of "young Israelis whose parents had been victims of Nazism. . . . This decision was taken during a meeting [June 3] of the World Congress for the Defense of Oppressed Jews, over which I preside. It is not conceivable that an ex-Nazi can be allowed to serve as chief of state."

Meanwhile, World Jewish Congress head Bronfman denounced Waldheim as an "immoral and unrepentant liar," according to *El Pais*. Bronfman was speaking in London on June 3, before the Institute for Jewish Studies. *El Pais* calls Bronfman's statements "one of the harshest attacks launched against the Austrian politician."

Bronfman, son of the big-time Canadian gangster Samuel Bronfman, now works closely with various offices in the Kremlin in coordination with the political faction in Israel associated with Gen. Ariel Sharon.

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### ***U.S. environmentalists make Soviet ties official***

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) announced June 2 that Soviet and U.S. scientists had agreed to set up monitoring stations in both countries to show that compliance with a proposed Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban treaty could be verified. The treaty is a proposal of Mikhail Gorbachov, rejected by the U.S. government as inimical to U.S. national security.

The agreement was signed in Moscow by NRDC board chairman DeWind and by E. P. Velikov, vice-president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and believed to head the "Star Wars" program the Soviets say they do not have.

The agreement specifies that joint teams of Soviet and American scientists would monitor a Soviet nuclear test site at Semipalatinsk, in Kazakhstan in Soviet Central Asia, and the U.S. range in the Nevada desert.

DeWind, who met with State Department officials June 2, said that the Reagan administration so far has been noncommittal on the plan, but he did not think it would try to disrupt the group's activities. Bearing in mind the President's ideology, he called the plan "the most important private-sector arms control initiative ever undertaken, and we are going to require the broad support of the American public to make it happen."

He said the operation, due to begin by the end of this month, would cost NRDC about \$500,000 during the first year and appealed for public financial support. The aim of the plan, he said, is not to monitor Soviet and U.S. tests as such, but to demonstrate that scientists from the superpowers could cooperate in a verification effort to detect cheating on arms-control agreements.

## ***Briefly***

● **SOVIET EDUCATION** is to be overhauled. A resolution drafted by the Central Committee and published in *Pravda* June 2, says the standard of technical training in the Soviet Union has dropped, and the prestige of scientists, engineers, and other specialists has fallen. The draft plan calls for new training centers; compulsory two-year stints in factories for teachers; and greater ideological control and centralization, including handing over most of the responsibility for choosing teachers to government ministries. Greater emphasis will be put on student use of personal computers.

● **THE TABLET**, a British Catholic weekly, carried an attack on South African Zulu Chief Buthelezi, chief minister of Kwazulu/Natal, at the end of May. Buthelezi, whose Inkatha movement is working for peaceful power-sharing between black and white, against the terrorist African National Congress, is accused by *The Tablet* of running "black vigilante" groups. Recently, Notre Dame's Father Theodore Hesburgh of the Trilateral Commission and J. Peter Grace formed a U.S.-based fund-raising committee for *The Tablet*.

● **A SECURITY OFFICIAL** from West Germany told the daily *Bildzeitung* of June 6 that the anti-nuclear riots currently being run by the Green Party and the Communists are "preparations for civil war." Officials discovered weapons depots near the Brokdorf nuclear site, including slingshots, metal bolts, saws, and other "weapon-like material."

● **LE POINT**, a French magazine, says that U.S. CIA chief William Casey believes that "the Soviet danger is greater than ever," and "the situation resembles, in many respects, a pre-war" situation. According to *Le Point*, Casey thinks "the Soviet Union is conducting a veritable war by other means—inclusively, by the protection that it assures to terrorists. The attitude of Europe appears to him, under such conditions, 'suicidal.'"