

International Intelligence

Jane's reports Soviets near ABM breakout

Jane's Defence Weekly in its Nov. 8 issue reports that U.S. intelligence circles are convinced that the Soviet Union is about to complete the construction of a continent-wide ABM phased-array radar defense, in violation of the 1972 ABM treaty.

The ABM radar defense system, centered in Krasnoyarsk, would without doubt, in the view of U.S. officials, destabilize the East-West nuclear equilibrium.

The radar would be the central component of a continent-wide ABM radar system, interlinked through mobile radar systems. Within six months of completion of this component, the overall system could be operational and would, according to the officials consulted, give the U.S.S.R. the ability to threaten a first-strike nuclear attack on the United States, by reducing prospective Soviet losses in a U.S. counterstrike to an acceptable level.

Bonn conference scores AIDS cover-up

At a symposium on AIDS held in Bonn, West Germany on Nov. 9, under the auspices of the Patriots for Germany, scientific experts and political leaders denounced the "criminal lying" and cover-up of the "species-threatening" AIDS pandemic, by international health agencies and government figures like U.S. White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan and German Health Minister Rita Süßmuth.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the chairwoman of Patriots for Germany, stressed in her keynote address that AIDS poses a moral question to all mankind: Do we have the moral fitness to survive, or do we allow bankers and population-control ideologues to sacrifice humanity? She blasted the economic policy of Donald Regan and of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for sabotaging the necessary mobilization against AIDS, on the grounds that it is not "cost-effective." "We are in the unfortunate position of know-

ing that we were right, and many people are going to die as a result of the sabotage of the measures that my husband, Lyndon LaRouche, has demanded," she said.

LaRouche was a supporter of Proposition 64, the California initiative to check the spread of AIDS by instituting emergency public-health measures. The referendum was defeated in the Nov. 4 election, although it won support from 29% of the California electorate.

Dr. John Seale, a member of the Royal Society of Medicine in London, stated: "The remarkable one-third 'yes' vote for Proposition 64, in the face of such massive pressures to vote 'no,' confirm Abraham Lincoln's wise dictum that you cannot fool all of the people all the time. My conclusion from these extraordinary figures is that there is a real possibility that Lyndon LaRouche could become the next President of the United States, which would make Mikhail Gorbachov extremely unhappy."

Mexican assassination follows bankers' threats

In what is widely viewed as a warning to former Mexican President Luis Echeverria and his nationalist circle, one of Echeverria's long-time collaborators, journalist Ivan Menendez, was murdered in Mexico City on Nov. 6.

Menendez was the editor of *La Republica*, the official paper of Mexico's governing Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI). He also edited the Spanish edition of the French monthly *Le Monde Diplomatique*.

On Oct. 11, the *Wall Street Journal*, newspaper of Mexico's creditors, had warned that no economic agreement with Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid would be possible unless the Mexican nationalist faction opposed to IMF deals were neutralized. "Echeverria . . . remains a behind-the-scenes power."

During the last year of his presidency, 1976, Echeverria had wrecked the political machine of Mario Moya Palencia, current U.N. ambassador, and arranged instead for José López Portillo to become his successor.

He has thus remained symbolic of Mexican nationalism in the eyes of international usury.

Menendez's killers declared that he was killed for "serving the line of the masonic *Echeverrista* government of the PRI." Mexican police later denied the existence of the death squad responsible for the killing.

Cardinal König skips Budapest anniversary

Cardinal König, the outgoing Archbishop of Vienna, promised to officiate at a requiem mass to be held in the Austrian capital of Vienna on the 30th anniversary of the Soviets' bloody suppression of the Hungarian Revolution. Reporting that his heart condition did not permit him such exertions, the Cardinal, who is a member of the Initiative Committee for East-West Relations and a supporter of the KGB-founded Club of Rome, sent a letter to the organizers of the celebration.

In his stead, he sent a priest who delivered a sermon which made mention of Ethiopia and Kampuchea, but not Hungary.

Apparently, the Cardinal was simply embarrassed by being asked to applaud the crushing of the Hungarian nation. The Cardinal's condition did not stop him from delivering an address at a U.N. function, at the time he ought to have been at Church.

It was the motto of Janos Kadar, the butcher replaced in Budapest by Soviet tanks in 1956: "Who is not against us is with us". That must be the case with Cardinal König.

EIR exposure of AIFLD aired in Mexico

EIR Ibero-America editor Dennis Small's evidence of the drug-trafficking links of the State Department-funded American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD) has been written up by one of Mexico's most important columnists, José Luis Mejia. On Nov. 12, on the front page of *Excelsior*, Mejias devoted 700 words to a press confer-

ence held by the Schiller Institute in Washington several months ago, at which Small presented the demand that the U.S. government suspend financing of AIFLD.

He reports Small's evidence of AIFLD ties to Colombian narcotics trafficker Gilberto Rodríguez Orejuela and Peruvian Carlos Langberg.

Mejias asks why Mexico takes so seriously the repeated undocumented accusations from U.S. officials and media that Mexican officials are involved in drugs, "when in the United States accusations with proof, such as those of the Schiller Institute, are thrown in the waste basket."

NATO launch on warning now impossible

NATO has made "launch on warning" (LOW) modes of alarm for all European nuclear assets technically impossible. Effectively immediately, all Pershing Ia, Pershing II, and nuclear-capable aircraft, are no longer on Quick Alert Reaction status, so that the reaction time is extended "from minutes, to a time significantly longer," according to the German defense ministry.

NATO will rely on "quick dispersion" capabilities to "hide" its nuclear assets in case of a Soviet attack.

NATO general fired for investigating spetznaz?

On Oct. 28, the Netherlands' ministry of defense announced the dismissal of Lt.-Gen. G. C. Berkhof of the Dutch Army as Chief of Staff of Allied Forces Central Europe (AFCENT). The reason given was simply "the result of his way of functioning," which apparently made him incompatible with his commander, Gen. L. Chalupa of the West German Bundeswehr.

The move, unprecedented since the 1984 dismissal of former NATO deputy commander General Kiesling for suspicion of being a homosexual (a charge he was exonerated of following his dismissal), has led to

speculation as to the real motives for General Berkhof's dismissal.

On Nov. 8, Berkhof himself charged that his dismissal was because of his fear that the AFCENT Headquarters, in the city of Brunsum, near the West German border in the Netherlands, was vulnerable to Soviet spetznaz (special forces) attack. In an interview appearing in three of the Netherlands' leading weekly magazines, General Berkhof stated that he had been investigating Soviet plans to sabotage the headquarters through infiltrating spetznaz troops into abandoned coal-mining tunnels that crisscross underneath the base no more than 10 meters below the surface.

The spetsnaz could thus reach right into the center of the NATO facility that is the command and control center encompassing all American, British, Dutch, Belgian, and German troops on the crucial West German front.

Social Democrats lose in Hamburg

With elections in West Germany only 10 weeks away, the Social Democrats suffered a stinging setback in elections in the city-state of Hamburg on Nov. 9. It was the pro-Soviet party's second serious defeat after a string of victories in earlier elections. On Oct. 12, the Social Democrats experienced heavy losses in the state of Bavaria.

The Social Democrats won 41.8% of the vote, in contrast to 51.3% four years ago. The Christian Democrats reached 41.9%, compared to 38.6% in the last election. The Green-terrorist party, known as GAL, got 10.9%, a 4% increase. The Free Democrats did not reach the 5% necessary to enter the Parliament.

Hamburg has always been a very strongly Social Democratic city. The election is an indication that the Social Democrats are losing their labor base. While the radical Greens are the big gainers, clearly the German three-party system of Christians Democrats, Social Democrats, and Free Democrats is collapsing.

Briefly

● **MARSHAL SOKOLOV**, Soviet defense minister, missed all of the celebrations and the Red Square parade on Nov. 7, the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. Gennady Gerasimov, chief of the Foreign Ministry's Information Directorate, explained: "I have already said he is ill. That is why he was not there."

● **VYACHESLAV MOLOTOV**, foreign minister under Josef Stalin and signer of the Hitler-Stalin non-aggression pact, was buried in Moscow Nov. 12, after a discreet funeral described by a foreign ministry official as "a private burial for a pensioner." Although he was denied the privilege of an official funeral, he was buried at the Novodevichy Cemetery in Moscow, reflecting his rehabilitation by Gorbachov. The burial was attended by relatives and friends of the family and one member of the party Central Committee.

● **DIRECT ACTION** claimed it bombed three office buildings in Paris early Nov. 11, to protest South African President P.W. Botha's visit to Paris. Botha's dedication ceremony commemorating South African war dead was also disrupted twice by demonstrators. Hundreds of French police were deployed for miles around the area.

● **THE MALAYSIAN** government is keeping an eye on the activities of an organization which has received about \$385,000 in assistance from a Western organization to conduct a smear campaign against the government, Deputy Home Minister Megat Junid Ayub said Nov. 2.

● **PHILIPPINES** Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile indicated Oct. 31 that he is opposed to the new constitution supported by President Corazon Aquino because of a provision declaring the Philippines nuclear-free territory. Enrile told a gathering of Rotary Clubs in Bulacan that this provision could endanger national security and render obsolete American military bases in the Philippines.