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Norway commander attacks decoupling

Press spokesman for Norwegian Commander-in-Chief Gen. Fredrik Bull-Hansen, Colonel Gjeseth, has stated that the proposed withdrawal of American troops from the Central European theater would mean that in an emergency situation, the threat to NATO'S Northern Flank would be significantly greater than it is today.

According to Norwegian NATO arrangements, there are no foreign troops stationed on Norwegian soil during peacetime. The defense of NATO'S Northern Flank is therefore totally dependent on the ability to rapidly transfer NATO forces from other parts of Europe or the United States. If there were an increased demand for such forces elsewhere in Europe, which such a reduction of U.S. troop presence would imply, this would mean a greater problem in allotting the necessary forces to the Northern theater.

Therefore Norway, stressed Colonel Gjeseth, is very keen on maintaining the present level of American forces in Central Europe.

Colonel Gjeseth also stressed that any discussions concerning a reunification of the two Germanys, and a corresponding shift in the position of West Germany vis-à-vis NATO, would be viewed in Norway as a cause of great concern.

Patriots for Germany go to Washington

Patriots for Germany candidate Renate Müller addressed a forum attended by 16 policy-makers in Washington, D.C. Nov. 25, outlining the importance of the West German elections in two months for the future of the Western Alliance. Müller said that the Patriots for Germany, who will be running in every district in West Germany's Jan. 25 national elections, are making the fight against decoupling of the alliance the key theme in their campaign.

The PFG will kick off its campaign with

a 25,000-run poster with photographs of Gorbachov and Stalin, entitled, "No to the Empire of Evil." A copy of the poster was displayed at the Washington forum.

Müller outlined how party leaders in West Germany, not only in the Green Party and the Social Democrats, but also the Christian Democratic Union, are already accommodating themselves to the decoupling of the alliance by peddling the prospect of a "reunified, neutral Germany" if the United States withdraws its military support from the country.

"With 350 million of the world's most educated, skilled people and with the combined greatest industrial capacity in the world, Western Europe pales a region like Iran in significance, yet the attention in the United States is fixated on events in Iran while decouplers at the U.S. State Department and in Congress, as exemplified by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) are preparing to sell Europe out to the Soviets," she said. "This we are dedicated to preventing from happening."

Russians publish 'Star Wars' book

A new book called *Space Weapons: The Security Dilemma*, edited by Academicians Ye. P. Velikhov, R.Z. Sagdeev, and A.A. Kokoshin, was advertised in *Pravda* on Nov. 22. The book does not claim that the Strategic Defense Initiative is impossible, but rather concentrates on "proving" that a comprehensive anti-missile system with space-based elements will never be purely defensive.

Laser, particle beam, kinetic, and electromagnetic pulse (EMP) weapons can be used for a first strike against objects on earth, the authors say. They repeat the "warning" that SDI will step up the arms race of ICBMs and "dummy missiles."

The book also claims SDI is a violation of the 1972 ABM Treaty; the Soviet Union, in retaliation, might stop observing the SALT II treaty and Article 12 of the ABM treaty, which forbids *maskirovka* (satellite jamming), making verification of treaty observance impossible.

Lubbers, Ryzhkov fail to reach accord

Dutch Prime Minister Lubbers, visiting Moscow, failed to come to a formal accord on disarmament issues with his Soviet counterpart, Nikolai Ryzhkov, despite the fact that Lubbers is a staunch opponent of the American Strategic Defense Initiative.

In his Nov. 20 speech for the visiting Lubbers, Ryzhkov warned the Europeans against associating themselves with the SDI:

"If the U.S.A., racing for military supremacy, chooses the SDI program, then Europe cannot imagine what irreversible consequences this will lead to!" He said there was no reason for West Europeans to feel "defenseless" without American nuclear weapons. They only had to stop viewing Soviet proposals for "substantial, balanced reductions of armaments and conventional armed forces" as "diplomatic traps and ruses."

The Dutch prime minister, in his reply, endorsed the "zero option" for medium-range missiles in Europe, but objected to the Soviet linkage between the "zero option" and agreements on SDI. As a result, there was no formal agreement on disarmament issues.

Parpart addresses Japanese space meeting

Uwe Henke v. Parpart, Fusion Energy Foundation director of research and a Contributing Editor of *EIR*, spoke at the opening ceremonies at the Tokai Space Research Center in Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan on Nov. 21.

The research center has the capability to monitor all satellites that fly over Japan within a 3,000-mile radius, and other remote sensing capabilities. The initial purpose of the center is to put together a global environmental picture from Landsat satellites and Japan's own MOD-1 satellite, which will be launched in January.

Parpart addressed the necessity for just such a global overview, given the cata-

strophic results to the global climate of the deforestation of the Amazon and the Sumatra-Borneo rain forests.

The ceremonies were attended by high-ranking representatives of the ASEAN countries and South Korea, as well as NASA representatives and the Ministers of Education, Science and Technology, and Space from Japan.

Three Jamaican police killed by dope runners

Jamaican dope traffickers raided a police station and killed three policemen on Nov. 19. "This is an open declaration of war on the policé," National Security Minister Errol Anderson said.

A group of men with high-powered rifles sneaked into a police station early Nov. 19, hurled firebombs, and began shooting at officers, killing three. A fourth policeman escaped.

The police suspect that this unprecedentedly bold action by the dope traffickers may be linked to a recent police crackdown on the traffic. During the course of the crackdown, more than 12,000 pounds of marijuana were seized.

Norway moves for AIDS testing, quarantine

The Norwegian parliament has moved to AIDS tests mandatory during all medical examinations. On Nov. 25, the Subcommittee on Social Affairs presented a proposal to the Minister of Social Affairs, Tove Strand Gerhardsen, for mandatory AIDS tests for all people receiving medical check-ups at hospitals or other medical institutions, and all people in prison. The Minister of Social Affairs is considering obligatory testing for military personnel and pregnant women.

The subcommittee expressed full support for the minister's proposal for quarantining people with the HIV virus or with AIDS. Although the proposal was formulated to deal with cases of prostitutes who refuse to discontinue their activities, it can

nevertheless be applied in a broad range of cases. The subcommittee characterized AIDS as "one of the greatest medical and health threats in modern times."

East German hails Eureka project

The director of an East German intelligence think tank has told the European Parliament in Strausbourg that the French-sponsored Eureka project in directed energy devices should assume the form of a cooperative East-West project.

In an unusual address to the European Parliament, Dr. Max Schmidt, director of the East German Institute for International Politics and Economics, proposed the EC view the Eureka program as "a significant possibility for technological give-and-take between East and West."

On Nov. 13, the same day Schmidt addressed the Parliament, representatives of the East German government met in Brussels with EC officials to discuss closer ties.

Soviet economist visits Argentina

Soviet economist Victor Volsky visited Argentina on Nov. 21, in his capacity as chief of the Latin American Institute of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. He pleased the Argentines by assuring them that the Soviets would not seek permission from Britain to fish in the waters Argentina claims around the Malvinas.

Volsky said the Soviet interest in Argentine waters is not just fish, but "the detection of mineral, oil, gas, and ferromanganese deposits," as well as the harvesting of krill. "We could collaborate scientifically and help Argentina dominate its natural resources."

The United States and Britain, he charged, would "do everything possible" to control the straits of Magellan, the best natural passage between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Briefly

● **AUSTRIA** will probably soon have a grand coalition government of its largest parties. In general elections held Nov. 25, the Austrian Socialist Party emerged with 43.36% of the vote. According to unnamed Socialist sources, the party will probably form the next government in coalition with the conservative People's Party, which won 41.6%. Just such a grand coalition government ruled Austria for over a dozen years after World War II.

● **MEXICAN NAZIS**, stone-throwing members of the National Action Party (PAN), rioted against police in Ciudad Juarez on Nov. 20, in the most serious political violence in Mexico in recent years. The incident began when 3,000 banner-waving PANistas clashed with schoolchildren involved in a Revolution Day Parade. When the march reached downtown, the police confronted PAN rioters and were hit by stones, replying with tear gas. Twenty-four policemen were injured, three seriously.

● **VOLKER RUEHE**, arms control spokesman for West Germany's ruling Christian Democrats (CDU), has called off his Nov. 23 visit to Moscow. His official reason was that the Soviets had left him uncertain about whom he would meet while there, but he is also acting under pressure from Chancellor Helmut Kohl. The invitation had been extended by the Soviets immediately after the Reykjavik summit.

● **6% OF MEXICAN BLOOD** plasma is contaminated with AIDS, a top Mexican health ministry official declared Nov. 26. Samples of blood stored by private distributors and hospitals were tested. Meanwhile, the president of the National Chamber of Private Hospitals and Clinics, Jesus Gomez Medina, said in a press conference the same day that the Mexican government is lying on the number of known AIDS cases, which stands at more than 1,500, not the fewer than 400 claimed by the government.