

International Intelligence

What was Michael Ledeen doing in Spain?

Usually reliable sources report that Michael Ledeen was spotted in Madrid, Spain during September and October 1986. Ledeen, a sometime "adviser" to the U.S. State Department and National Security Council, is a key operative in the "parallel government" whose existence has come to light in the current Iran-Contra scandals in Washington.

Ledeen's appearance in Spain has led to speculation that he is part of a project for restructuring the Spanish intelligence apparatus, to take it away from the traditional military structure and put it under the control of Ledeen's friend, Julio Feo, the Socialist secretary to the presidency. The existence of such a project was revealed in October 1986.

The situation developing now in Spain parallels precisely an operation conducted through Ledeen in Italy in the late '70s, when a parallel secret service was created around the Propaganda-2 (P-2) Freemasonic lodge. This was implicated in numerous attempts to destabilize Italy, such as the 1980 Bologna train station bombing.

Does this mean that a sort of "P-2 scandal" is about to emerge in Spain and sink the present Socialist government?

French interior minister denounces the IMF

French Interior Minister Charles Pasqua attacked the International Monetary Fund for its austerity policies toward Third World countries. In a speech March 10 before the Judaism and Freedom association, Pasqua charged the IMF with "impoverishing these countries and producing revolutionaries and communists. What we have to do, is to help these countries produce what they need, respecting their culture and civilization." He further criticized the idea of aid to the Third World which "limits itself to sending the poor countries the food surplus of the Western countries."

Pasqua also denounced the Western proponents of the "zero option" plan for removing intermediate-range missiles from Europe, who "are ready to fall in the Gorbachov trap. There was already the Khrushchov trap. It's the trick the Soviets have been playing on us for 20 years."

Italian pianist takes Mexico by storm

Italian pianist Carlo Levi Minzi, touring Mexico under the patronage of the Schiller Institute Research and Education Fund, has triumphed in two concerts as a soloist with the National Symphony of Mexico.

On March 13, at Mexico City's Bellas Artes hall, an audience of 2,000 people brought the artist back to the stage five times for his performance of the Brahms Second Piano Concerto, and obliged him to play a piano solo after the sixth bow—an unheard-of gesture at a symphonic concert. Then on March 15, the performance was sold out to an audience of 3,000 people, and was broadcast over national television.

Levi Minzi, professor of chamber music at Milan's Verdi Conservatory and formerly a student of renowned piano pedagogues Mieczyslaw Horszowski and Paul Baumgartner, played his first concerts in the United States in 1976 at the age of 22. Since 1984, his tours in the Americas have been sponsored by the Schiller Institute, founded by Mrs. Helga Zepp-LaRouche, as a crucial aspect of the Institute's program to reverse the moral decay of Western society by revitalizing classical culture.

Cyrus Hashemi's death 'may have been murder'

American investigators believe the death of Cyrus Hashemi in a London hospital last July "may have been murder," wrote the London weekly the *Observer* on March 16. Hashemi, a key player in the arms-for-hostages deals between the United States and Iran during both the Carter and Reagan

administrations, was under protection of elements of the U.S. Justice Department (see article, page 58).

According to the *Observer's* report, "An Iranian-born U.S. citizen came forward with evidence that Hashemi had been poisoned." This Iranian claims that Hashemi was killed because he knew "too much" about the U.S. government's own secret arms shipments to Iran. The informant "also took part in the U.S. Customs operation which led to the arrest of 17 alleged arms smugglers, including a retired Israeli general. . . . He claims that U.S. Customs special agents told him on three occasions that Hashemi had been 'got rid of' by an unidentified U.S. government agency." The informant's evidence prompted Rudolph Giuliani, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, to order an inquiry reopened into Hashemi's death.

The *Observer* claims that results of toxicology tests on Hashemi's tissue samples, which were taken at the request of Scotland Yard and the U.S. Customs Service, "have never been officially released."

Venice's Cini Foundation hosts East-West meeting

Five Soviet media and government representatives will be attending a March 19-21 conference sponsored by the Cini Foundation on the island of San Giorgio Maggiore in Venice, on the theme, "Helsinki After Ten Years: Liberty and Obstacles to Mass Communication in Europe."

Panel discussions will include the position of the media in East-West relations, cultural problems confronting Europe, and international terrorism.

The Soviet officials will include Valentin Falin, editor of Novosti News Agency, and Yegor Yakovlev, editor of *Moscow News*. Western participants will include terrorist expert Claire Sterling; Juan Luis Cebrían, editor of *El País* of Spain; Gunnar Andren, editor of *Svenska Dagbladet* of Sweden; Hugo Büttler, editor of *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* of Switzerland; Erwin Frenkel, editor of the *Jerusalem Post*; Serge

July, editor of *Liberation* of France; Flora Lewis of the *New York Times*; and various representatives of the Italian radical-chic pro-terrorist circuit.

Sovietologist predicts Bukharin's rehabilitation

"The rehabilitation of Nikolai Bukharin will be the second or third next major step taken by Gorbachov, if he can succeed in continuing his reform experience," according to a European Sovietologist close to both the Italian Communist Party (PCI) and right-wing Social Democratic circles. "Now, historians associated with Soviet historical institutes have decided to rehabilitate Bukharin. The moment has come, and it will be welcomed in the West."

Bukharin, leader of the Right Opposition to Josef Stalin, was purged in the 1930s, and is being rehabilitated as part of Gorbachov's *glasnost* (openness) policy toward "democratization" of the U.S.S.R. Many of Bukharin's collaborators in the Comintern, such as Jay Lovestone in the United States, left the communist movement during the Great Purges, resurfacing in the West as "anti-communist" Social Democrats. These circles today are the biggest promoters of Gorbachov's *glasnost* in the West.

The Sovietologist will be taking up the matter of Bukharin at a forum in March in Milan, Italy, sponsored by the PCI-connected Feltrinelli Foundation.

Lawyers for Demjanjuk charge Soviet plot

Lawyers for John Demjanjuk, the American on trial in Israel on the charge that he is "Ivan the Terrible," the brutal guard at the Nazis' Treblinka death camp, charged on March 17 that their client has been framed by a plot originating in the Soviet Union.

Attorney Mark O'Connor questioned the credibility of Israeli investigator Miriam Radiwker, noting her Soviet past. "All these charges came from the Soviet Union, not

the United States," he said. Radiwker, a former member of the Israeli police force's Nazi war crimes investigation unit, testified about a photo line-up she held in 1976 with Treblinka survivor Eugen Turowski. She said that Turowski, since deceased, identified a photograph of Demjanjuk as "Ivan the Terrible."

In a defeat for Demjanjuk, the court accepted this testimony, overruling the objection of attorney O'Connor that such evidence should be inadmissible, because he cannot cross-examine the dead. Court President Dov Levin said Turowski's identification would be entered into evidence, clearing the way for other such evidence to be presented. He said Section 15 of Israeli's Nazi and Nazi Collaborators' Law contains a provision covering such "hearsay" testimony.

Soviet emigré warns of Russian outlook

Emigré Russian analyst Andrei Navrozov, in an op-ed in *The Independent* of London March 10, wrote a review of a book which warns that the Soviet Union is really the old mystical Russian imperialist state in disguise.

Under the title, "Stalin's alter ego," Navrozov reviews *The Bear's Hug: Religious Belief and the Soviet state*. He writes: "The Russian Orthodox Church will celebrate its millennium in 1988, and there is now little doubt that we may look forward to a new union of church and state in Moscow, perhaps much like the one contemplated by Stalin. . . . It will be of incalculable strategic value to the Soviet regime. . . ."

"It is almost inevitable that Russia's leaders will use next year's celebration of the Millennium as an excuse to correct the strategic blunder of its predecessors, restoring the Church to the function envisioned by the erstwhile seminarian Djugashvili-Stalin. . . . The only question is whether the West will greet the Soviet regime's 'new attitude to religion' as the newest of all the glad tidings from Gorbachov's Russia, for in so doing, it will surely seal its fate."

Briefly

● **RADIO MOSCOW** reported March 16 that "There is no reason for slowing down thermonuclear power. . . . The only lesson to be learned from the Chernobyl experience is that better and safer nuclear power plants should be built." The U.S.S.R., Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia will double their nuclear power output by the end of the century.

● **THE SOVIET** delegation in Geneva March 17 called for establishment of a new international agency with the power to make on-the-spot inspections of satellites before launch to ensure that no country deploys weapons in outer space.

● **GEN. RAFAEL SAMUDIO**, Colombia's defense minister, has met with all division commanders of the army and police to study possible measures against terrorism, according to a March 16 UPI report. Colombia has recently experienced a wave of guerrilla actions, including the kidnapping and assassination of businessmen and government officials.

● **TURKEY** and the United States signed a five-year defense and economic assistance pact that provides for U.S. military bases in Turkey through 1990, and nearly \$720 million in U.S. assistance to Turkey this year.

● **CHINA AND BRITAIN** ended a round of talks March 20 on Hong Kong's future after discussing a timetable for the withdrawal of British armed forces. A joint communiqué at the end of four days of talks said the two sides discussed defense issues and the maintenance of law and order after 1997, when the Crown Colony becomes Chinese territory.

● **900 TRIBESMEN** who fled to India last year to escape a separatist tribal guerrilla war in southern Bangladesh have died of diarrhea, dysentery, and malaria, government-owned newspaper in Dhaka reported March 20.