

# International Intelligence

## ***Pope arrives in Germany amid terrorist threats***

Pope John Paul II arrived in West Germany for a five-day visit on April 30, as assorted satanists, feminists, Greens, and terrorists mobilized against his visit. In Cologne, where a huge public mass was scheduled to be held on May 1, posters appeared showing the pontiff's profile with a gun-sight painted over it, and the slogan: "Only the blessed enter the kingdom of Heaven."

Joseph Cardinal Höffner, the bishop of Cologne, described this as a "mean threat against the life of the Pope." He denounced the plans for protest demonstrations by the anti-papal demonstrators, comparing them to the anti-church campaign of the Nazis. Today's pamphlets and slanders, he stated, reminded him of Nazi ideologue Alfred Rosenberg's *Myth of the 20th Century*, and of the Nazi publications *Stürmer* and *Pfaffen-spiegel*.

The protest campaign is being sponsored by feminist groups, the pro-abortion movement, the Green Party, and the "church from below"—the German brand of "liberation theology." The highly publicized protests are intended to promote "New Age" ideologies, and some sponsors, notably from the Greens, are openly endorsing witchcraft and satanism, which they call "an ancient science suppressed for centuries by the Catholic Church."

## ***CIA investigates deaths of European scientists***

U.S. intelligence agents are investigating the mysterious deaths of British and European defense experts, fearing that there is an SDI link to these events, according to a report in the British newspaper the *Mail* published April 26. "Most, if not all, the experts were involved in classified work connected with the U.S. SDI. State Department sources in Washington told *The Mail on Sunday* last week, that the CIA has an open, highly clas-

sified file on the matter. 'They are worried not only by the British situation,' said the sources. 'Scientists have also died or disappeared in Sweden, West Germany, France, and Italy. They are looking for links not only between the individual deaths but between the deaths in the different countries.'"

Among the recent incidents cited are:

- The disappearance of three scientists in West Germany in 18 months;
- The apparent suicide in January of Swedish chief arms inspector Carl Fredrik Algernon;
- The assassination in March of Gen. Licio Giorgieri, head of weapons development procurement for the Italian Air Force, and responsible for awarding SDI contacts;
- The assassination in 1986 of Lando Conti, former mayor of Florence, associate of the Italian defense minister, and head of a major electronics company;
- The assassination of France's Gen. René Audran in 1985;
- The attempted murder in France of Guy Brana, a former major commercial arms executive;
- The disappearance of Prof. Svante Oden, Swedish expert on submarine detection. He was last seen on July 30, 1986, when he took his fishing boat, loaded with sensitive equipment, out of a harbor north of Stockholm.

## ***Islamic fundamentalists riot in Tunisia***

Several hundred militants of the Islamic Trend Movement rioted in the Tunisian capital on April 23, protesting the arrest in March of their leader, Rashid Ghannoushi. Disturbances took place elsewhere in the country.

The riots are occurring as the Tunisian establishment is playing with fire, both in its relationship with Libya's Muammar Qaddafi, maintained despite Libya's defeat in Chad, as well as in the in-fighting around the presidential succession. On April 15, the ruling party's leadership was purged of sev-

eral members. Then on April 23, former Prime Minister Mohammed M'zali, in exile since last year, was sentenced to 15 years at hard labor, on trumped up charges. M'zali had incurred the wrath of the International Monetary Fund for his opposition to its austerity conditionalities, which have fostered the rise of Islamic fundamentalist protest movements.

## ***Illegal Carter-era arms deals with Iran exposed***

The London weekly the *Observer* in its April 26 issue reveals that covert U.S. arms sales to Iran began during the Carter administration, with State Department, CIA, and FBI approval, and using the services of the Iranian arms-trafficker Cyrus Hashemi. These facts are well known to *EIR* readers, but have hitherto been covered up by other media. A reporter from the *Observer* had attended *EIR*'s press conference in London on April 13, releasing the Special Report on "Project Democracy: The 'parallel government' behind the Iran-Contra affair."

The article, written by Patrick Seale, was titled, "Revealed: U.S. broke arms deal embargo years before Irangate." Seale reports: "Five years before the Irangate scandal, United States government agencies subverted the official U.S. embargo on arms sales to Iran. Evidence that the CIA and the FBI approved clandestine military shipments to Iran as early as 1980 has been presented to Judge Lawrence E. Walsh, the special Irangate prosecutor.

"The recent covert activities of President Reagan's National Security Council were not, therefore, a one-of-a-kind aberration, but only the latest installment in shady American transactions with Iran dating back to the early days of the Khomeini regime.

"A central figure in these transactions was Dr. Cyrus Hashemi, the millionaire Iranian banker and arms dealer who died in a London hospital last July after a brief and mysterious illness. . . . Hashemi was the first to open a secret channel between Tehran and Washington, and the first to pro-

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pose an 'arms-for-hostages' deal. . . .

"Hashemi was never prosecuted, and was released on payment of a \$100,000 bond. Most unusually, he was then allowed to travel to Britain, where he acted for the CIA in international arms deals."

## ***Izvestia issues new attack on LaRouche***

The Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* on April 25 published an attack against U.S. presidential contender Lyndon LaRouche, the latest in an escalating series appearing in the Soviet press.

Like many of the recent broadsides, the article sought to pin the February 1986 assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme on LaRouche's associates from the European Labor Party in Sweden. This tactic was initiated by Soviet Central Committee member Georgi Arbatov immediately after the Palme assassination, and was picked up by the Western media, only to be dropped as its absurdity became transparent to all. Recently, however, the Soviet and Swedish media have started the drumbeat again, in coordination with Irwin Suall of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in the United States.

*Izvestia's* Stockholm bureau wrote: "Swedish police, investigating the circumstances of Olof Palme's murder, are conducting an intensive search for a woman, who for a long time was one of the leaders of the Stockholm section of the right extremist organization, the 'European Labor Party' (ELP).

"Suspicious against her, writes the paper *Dagens Nyheter*, "intensified, in connection with the testimony of a witness who saw this woman on the evening of the murder, at the movie theater at the same time the Palme couple was inside. It is also noteworthy, that the trail, which the police are following in their search, leads to the U.S.A., where she hid, soon after the crime. The Swedish press recalls in this connection, that it is precisely overseas, that the main headquarters of the ELP is located, which is

headed by the double-dyed reactionary L. LaRouche [sic]. His open animosity toward O. Palme is not doubted by anyone. . . .

"Now, writes *Expressen*, members of the investigatory group have departed for the U.S.A., to search for this ELP female activist. At the same time, the American Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) yesterday conducted a search at the premises of several organizations, which are part of the 'LaRouche Empire.' It was during a similar search, conducted in October of last year, that police discovered at the private residence of this extremist many notes and other documents, in which the murder of the prime minister of Sweden was discussed [sic]."

## ***Bilderbergers contemplate collapse of the economy***

According to Ugo Tramballi, correspondent for Italy's *Il Giornale* newspaper, an ultra-secret meeting of the Bilderberg Group of oligarchs took place at the end of April at Cernobbio, on Lake Como. One thousand police and carabinieri surrounded the Hotel Villa d'Este, preventing journalists from getting near. Among those reported to be attending were Paul Volcker, Henry Kissinger, David Rockefeller, Beatrice of Holland, Gianni Agnelli, Guido Carli, and Raul Gardini.

One participant indicated that the economic crisis was a major topic of consideration: "The next couple of weeks are very decisive for the world financial situation. The dollar-to-yen pattern and the failure of Central Bank intervention, are critical signs, while fundamental factors are pointing toward a storm, which may become a hurricane of the 1929-31 model. . . . If Ronald Reagan sticks to his insistence that there is a 'recovery,' then we've had it. If governments would act *now*, that would mean, psychologically, that the factor of *trust* will come back, and a crash could be headed off. But it may take some crisis, some shaking-up, in the next days, to get people to act. My hope is that the lessons of 1929-31 have not been totally forgotten."

● **INDIA** is "reviewing its nuclear options" because of the "emerging nuclear threat" from Pakistan, said Defense Minister K.C. Pant in Parliament on April 27. "Our response will be adequate to our perception of the threat," he said.

● **HELMUT SCHMIDT**, former Chancellor of West Germany, claims he is the author of the "zero option" for a denuclearized Western Europe, in an op-ed for the *International Herald Tribune* April 30. Schmidt says it is "absurd to term these proposals communist ones," since they go back to initiatives he himself launched within the Western Alliance years ago.

● **BELISARIO BETANCUR**, the former Colombian President, has been called to appear before a commission of the House of Deputies, where he will be grilled on his actions during the narco-terrorist assault on the Justice Palace in November 1985. Criminal charges against Betancur could ultimately come out of the "investigations," if the narco-politicos have their way.

● **'HITLER** and Stalin's ghosts are probably having a nice toast right now," said Ann Linnas, daughter of Karl Linnas, whom the U.S. Department of Justice has sent to his death in the Soviet Union, according to the April 23 *Jerusalem Post*. Mari Rikken, vice-president of the Coalition for Constitutional Justice, an East European emigré group, warned that Linnas will be "only the first of many."

● **REGENSBURG**, the "company town" of the Thurn und Taxis oligarchical family in West Germany, was the host city at the end of April for a "dialogue" between the Russian Orthodox Church and a Roman Catholic contingent led by German Cardinal Wetter.