

piece, the principal concern of Moscow is not that U.S. nuclear weapons might be based in Canada, but that NORAD radar facilities in Canada might be upgraded to meet the requirements of SDI for detection of Soviet missiles and submarines. . . ."

Communal violence flares up in India

At least 60 people were killed and several hundred wounded in religious riots between Hindus and Muslims, as violence flared up again in India May 22. Five days after riots broke out in Meerut, north of Delhi, violence spread to the old sections of the capital, *Le Monde* reported May 25.

Newspapers reported at least 100 dead. Police are now on general alert, and soldiers and reinforcements are being called into the Delhi area from as far away as India's southernmost province of Tamil Nadu.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said in a television address: "Nothing is more dangerous for our culture and our future than the cancer of communalism. We will survive in a secular India, or not at all."

Areas of Delhi looked like a battle zone, *Le Monde* reported, after deadly riots that began when police lifted the curfew to allow Muslims to attend mosques for the last Friday in Ramadan. Bands of Muslim youths set fire to Hindu homes, and were only driven back when the army was called out.

Council of Churches moves against Korea

World Council of Churches networks are deeply involved in the destabilization of South Korea, a council source said on May 24: "Global ecumenical solidarity with the churches and students of South Korea, against the government, is increasing," he stated.

"The regime is squeezed. I would say this regime will be finished by the end of the

year. There are similarities to the Philippines."

He stated that Catholic fathers and Protestant pastors, across South Korea, have begun hunger strikes against the regime. He said a key target date this year, would be a meeting in the second week of November of the Korean National Council of Churches, what he called an "international gathering on peace, justice, and unification of the Koreas."

This would involve participation of the "Consortium for the NCC/Korea," comprised of top American and European churches, including West Germany's Evangelical Church (Lutherans).

Kinnock: Britain is like Afghanistan

British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock has created a small political storm in England by suggesting in a mid-May statement that the Soviet Union at some point in the future might occupy the British Isles, and British defense policy should be based on that prospect. Ever since, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, running against Kinnock and others in June elections, has been having a political field-day at his expense.

Kinnock argued that Britain's defense should be based on "making any occupation totally untenable," and cited Afghanistan as a model. Presumably, Britons were to prepare themselves for guerrilla war.

Britons were flabbergasted that someone could draw a parallel between the United Kingdom and a country in which 5 million people have been made refugees by Soviet invading forces!

During an election rally in South Wales May 24, Prime Minister Thatcher blasted Kinnock:

"He has left himself no policy but to yield to invasion and occupation and to trust in the forlorn hope that a guerrilla struggle would eventually persuade the army of occupation to withdraw. I do not understand how anyone who aspires to government can treat the defense of our country so lightly."

Briefly

● **DAILY SKIRMISHES** have been occurring between the Israeli Army and Jewish settlers in the West Bank. The Central Command (West Bank) of the Army is now led by General Mitza, a staunch opponent of Ariel Sharon and extreme right wing settler groups. There have been two army interventions in the last 10 days, as settlers tried to break into the "Cave of Patriarch" in Hebron and the "Tomb of Joseph" in Nablus, both Muslim religious sites.

● **GEIDAR ALIYEV**, the Soviet Politburo's Mideast handler, has fallen into political disgrace, reported the *Baltimore Sun* on May 26. The deputy prime minister is expected soon to be ousted from the Politburo. He has not been seen in public for several weeks and has come under sharp indirect criticism for failing to improve consumer services. He is also reported to be under investigation for corruption.

● **SOVIET DEFENSE** Minister Sergei Sokolov led a high-level military delegation to North Yemen in mid-May. The talks centered on military cooperation between the two countries.

● **ARMED CHINESE** soldiers put an Irish AIDS carrier on a plane to Britain May 23. The man, who had a long history of drug use, was discovered to be carrying AIDS when Chinese doctors examined him after he fell from the Great Wall.

● **TELESPAZIO**, the Italian telecommunications agency, is considering using the Soviet space center at Baikonur to launch its satellites. Soviet Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov made the offer of the facility after the American *Challenger* disaster. The cost will be 25 billion lire for each launch. The Soviets say they will guarantee that there will be no inspection of Western payloads.