

International Intelligence

B'nai B'rith in Canada in 'stop LaRouche' drive

Frank Chalk, chairman of B'nai B'rith of Canada's (BBC) social action committee, has launched a campaign in Canada to counter the growth of support for Lyndon LaRouche, the Baltimore *Jewish Times* magazine reported on May 29. BBC is controlled by Edgar Bronfman, head of the World Jewish Congress and magnate of the Seagrams liquor empire. BBC identifies as its target the Party for the Commonwealth/Parti de la République du Canada, which is run by LaRouche associates.

On May 28, the Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) featured a 20-minute special entitled "Who's Behind the Commonwealth Party of Canada." The broadcast centered on an interview with Arthur Heiss, former director of the Canadian Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Heiss recently formed a new organization, legally separate from the the tax-exempt ADL, solely to run operations against LaRouche without compromising the ADL's status as a charity.

The CBC, a government-owned "crown corporation," is directed by Jean Louis Gagnon, who was recruited into wartime British intelligence from the Quebec Communist Party, by Donald Maclean, who subsequently "defected" to the Soviet Union. This ADL-CBC combination is precisely the same group now denouncing the use of the Canadian Arctic by U.S. submarines (see article, page 45).

NATO commanders oppose zero-option deal

General Bernard Rogers, outgoing NATO Supreme Allied Commander for Europe (SACEUR), attacked the zero-option plan for withdrawing nuclear missiles from Europe, in an interview on the McNeil-Lehrer News Hour television program June 1.

Asked how much NATO would have to strengthen its conventional forces to equal

the deterrent effect of theater nuclear weapons, Rogers replied: "There's no way . . . that NATO can ever strengthen its conventional forces" to the point that it could make up for the loss of the nuclear weapons. "Within our equation of deterrence, there must always be the nuclear weapon. Because the Soviets must be faced with the ultimate risk . . . that's the one thing [Moscow] fears."

General Wolfgang Altenburg, former chief of staff of the German Armed Forces and now head of the NATO Military Committee, took a similar position, in an interview with the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera* published June 3. "If we give these weapons up," said the general, ". . . Germany would become a nuclear battlefield. Not only Germans are worried by this." Cruise missiles will never make up for Pershing IIs, he said, and the "double zero option" will "reduce the deterrence" level.

Soviet 'Muslim card' boss vanishes

Geidar Aliyev, the Soviet Politburo member and first deputy prime minister, dropped from sight in early May. The *Sunday Times* of London relayed reports on May 24, that Aliyev had suffered a heart attack on May 10 or 11. After diplomatic meetings with delegations from Ethiopia, in March, and Yugoslavia, in mid-April, Aliyev was last seen atop the Lenin mausoleum in Red Square, reviewing the May Day parade.

On May 14, *Izvestia* published a resolution of the Communist Party's Central Committee Party Control Committee, on "serious shortcomings" in the training of skilled workers and in vocational education in general—defined as a priority for economic and military manpower programs—in Aliyev's native republic, Azerbaijan. The minutes of recent Politburo meetings have criticized other areas where he has had particular responsibility, such as retail trade and transportation.

The possibility of a shift in Aliyev's power bears close watching, in view of the

question of what is to become of Moscow's "Islamic card"—the exploitation of Soviet Muslims and Islamic networks abroad, for geopolitical advantage. Aliyev was born a Shi'ite Muslim and made his career in the KGB, before shifting to government and party leadership. He has overseen the deployment of the U.S.S.R.'s assets throughout the Middle East, particularly in fundamentalist and terrorist milieux. Igor Belyayev, a Soviet think-tanker and intelligence operative specializing in North Africa and the Middle East, recently penned a two-part series in the weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, which attacked the Khomeini brand of fundamentalism with unusual acidity, and launched a campaign against the exploitation of underground Islamic networks in the Soviet Union, by "foreign secret services."

New Zealand passes nuclear-free-zone plan

New Zealand's parliament on June 4 passed the New Zealand Nuclear-Free-Zone proposal, a bill that bans nuclear weapons from New Zealand. A key plank in the platform of the governing Labour Party, the move tears up a host of security relationships in the area. It passed over the objections of the United States and Australia.

The bill makes it the responsibility of the prime minister to approve or disapprove visits to New Zealand, based on the conviction that the ships or aircraft of the other country do not carry nuclear weapons.

"This is a watershed piece of legislation," Prime Minister David Lange told parliament. "This government is proud that for the first time in 40 years, New Zealand has made a fundamental reassessment of what constitutes our security."

Following the vote, Labour members of parliament sent out invitations to a party to celebrate their success. "I guess Neville Chamberlain had some drinks when he came back from Europe before the Second World War and talked of peace in his time," quipped opposition National Party leader Jim Bolger. "I don't doubt they toasted the success

of that venture." He noted that "the Labour Party can sing the red flag this evening," because no matter what they thought they were doing, "they just sold out New Zealand."

Mexico's PAN in violent clashes with police

The National Action Party (PAN), the insurgent grouping of Nazi-communists and drug traffickers supported from the United States by the fundraising empire of "Project Democracy" and Carl "Spitz" Channell, has gone on a rampage against the Mexican state. According to the Mexico City daily *Excelsior* of June 3, there have been three recent violent incidents between PAN groups and police, which have left at least one dead and a dozen seriously injured.

In Parral, 250 km south of Mexico City, anti-riot commandos of the judicial police drove some 20 PANistas out of the mayor's office, which they had seized on June 1. A federal deputy and former PAN mayor were beaten and hospitalized, together with seven other PANistas.

In Ciudad Juárez, PANista Hernandez Grijalva died from blows received during a confrontation with municipal police, over the PAN's demand for the firing of the mayor, who is a member of the PRI, Mexico's traditional ruling party.

Finally, in the capital of Chihuahua, the president of the PAN's municipal committee occupied the governor's office and attacked police sent to oust them.

Tenor complains of high orchestral tunings

"We singers are having a terrible time because of the high tuning we have to work with," says world-famous tenor Plácido Domingo, in an interview to the German daily *Die Welt* published June 1.

Domingo was referring to the fact that many opera houses in Europe, for example,

are pushing their tuning up to A = 450 cycles per second. Classical tuning, used by the early 19th-century composers, set C at 256 cycles, placing A at 427-432. This effort to achieve a "brilliant" tone distorts the point at which singers shift from one register to the next, ruining voices and making it impossible to perform classical works as the composer intended.

"We are working today with the highest tuning in music history," Domingo said. "And the singing pitch is getting higher and higher. . . . I'm lucky I built my register with care."

Soviets attack Vatican on millenary celebration

The Communist Party newspaper of Lithuania, *Sovetskaya Litva*, has charged the Vatican with trying to "give a pure political orientation" to the 1988 millennium celebration of the Russian Orthodox Church, and with "falsifying the events concerning the 1,000-year celebration."

These outbursts refer to the Pope's emphasis on the Westernizing role of Saints Cyril and Methodius, who brought Christianity to the Slavs, and on the tendencies in the Ukrainian Church that support the Western doctrine of the *Filioque*, the essential difference between Western Christianity and the mystical tradition of the Eastern Church. These Ukrainian currents were crushed by Muscovy shortly before the fall of Constantinople in 1453.

The upcoming celebrations signify the union of the political and religious leadership of the Soviet Union, under the Russian Orthodox doctrine that Moscow is destined to become the "Third Rome."

Meanwhile, the Soviet embassy in Bonn held a reception at the end of May for leading Church figures from West Germany, to tell them about the preparations for the millenary celebration. Soviet diplomat Genadi Yelisyayev said that "religion and the churches in the U.S.S.R. play a very important role in the blossoming of the Socialist Motherland."

Briefly

● **RICHARD BURT**, the U.S. ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, invited a delegation of prominent members of the Green Party for lunch at the embassy May 29. The Green delegation included Otto Schily, Alfred Mechttersheimer, and Petra Kelly. Burt surprised guests with the disclosure that he has known Petra since the two went to the same college in the United States.

● **REVEREND MOON'S** Professors' World Peace Academy will be holding an international meeting in Manila, on the subject of China, in August.

● **WHY DID** *Observer*/Lonrho multibillionaire Tiny Rowland provide bail money for central Guinnessgate protagonist Ernest Saunders? British sources say: Look at Rowland-Saunders contacts in Switzerland.

● **REPRESENTATIVES** of the nominally conservative Hanns Seidel Foundation in Munich have just completed a trip to Moscow.

● **JULIO FEO**, special adviser to Spain's Prime Minister Felipe González and Spanish intimate of Iran-gate participant Michael Ledeen, has announced that he is leaving his job, citing "personal reasons."

● **PUGWASH CONFERENCE** officials spent one week in Poland, from May 20-27, for strategic meetings on East-West affairs.

● **CARLOS LEHDER**, the Colombian narcotics kingpin facing trial in Miami, is seeking to invoke the example of Maj.-Gen. (ret.) Richard Secord in refusing to turn over information about his offshore bank accounts. He is being fined \$500 a day for contempt of court for refusing the information.