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European Community to end ban against Syria

The European Community is considering dropping its ban on high-level contacts with Syria—restrictions imposed when Syria's role in international terrorism was revealed in October 1986. EC foreign ministers are scheduled to meet on July 13, and only Britain is expected to oppose the lifting of sanctions.

President Reagan sent a message in June to Syrian President Hafez el-Assad, offering to improve relations. He then dispatched U.N. Ambassador Vernon Walters as his personal envoy, to meet with Assad in Damascus on July 6, to discuss the Syrian attitude toward terrorism and ways of improving U.S.-Syrian relations.

British officials are said to be furious at the shift, but will do nothing to oppose it. West Germany recently sent a new ambassador to Damascus, after waiting several months following revelations that Syria was linked to the March 1986 bombing against a German-Arab cultural society.

The changes in policy follow an apparent crackdown by Syria on Abu Nidal's terrorists, including closing down the group's offices in Syria.

Apart from the ban on high-level contacts, other EC sanctions will remain in place, including an embargo on new arms sales to Syria.

Soviets admit military gains from 'perestroika'

Vladimir Davydov, an official of the Latin American department of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, admitted at a seminar in Mexico City on July 26 that Gorbachov's much-vaunted *perestroika* (restructuring) policy has a military side to it. The seminar was organized by the Mexican planning ministry.

The question submitted in writing to Davydov was, "Marshal Ogarkov defines *perestroika* as a process to subject the civil-

ian economy to a pace of technical upgrading which gives it the capability for a blitzkrieg on the West. Are the *perestroikas* of Ogarkov and Gorbachov the same?"

Davydov replied, "I want to be a realist with you. To a certain degree, *perestroika* is a defense measure. . . . We have external enemies."

Davydov was also asked his view of Lyndon LaRouche. His answer: "LaRouche . . . is the champion of anti-Sovietism. . . . I have to admit that he knows the Soviet Union very well, but gives very subjectivist judgments. . . . His anti-Sovietism does not make him objective."

Chirac: Berlin Wall shows fraud of disarmament

French Premier Jacques Chirac, in a speech in West Berlin on July 2, exposed the fraud of the ongoing Soviet disarmament campaign. "As long as there is this wall, the barbed wire, and the shooting-order at the border," Chirac said, "there can't be any real disarmament in Europe."

Chirac, also mayor of Paris, was there to sign a city-partnership treaty between Paris and Berlin. At the official ceremony, Chirac said that arms control would profit more from the political effect of the destruction of the Berlin Wall, than from the destruction of medium-range missiles in Europe. Chirac reaffirmed France's security guarantees for the "whole city of Berlin," not just West Berlin.

Chirac's theme was seconded by his defense minister, André Giraud, at a seminar on French-German relations, in Paris on July 6. "Disarmament is not peace," Giraud underlined.

LaRouche indictment is 'a threat to civilized law'

Don Victor Girauta y Armada, an attorney in Barcelona, Spain, and chairman of the Fact-Finding Committee of the Commission

to Investigate Human Rights Violations in the United States, on July 2 issued a statement denouncing the indictment of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

He called the indictment "an unequivocal infringement of the personal and political rights of Mr. LaRouche," and appealed to President Reagan to take up the matter personally, as the Commission has already requested—with no reply from the White House.

Girauta wrote, "Precisely at the current time of national crisis in all three areas which Mr. LaRouche has made the core of his campaign—the strategic confrontation with the Soviet Union, the escalating economic crisis with an imminent financial collapse, and the epidemic spread of the AIDS plague—Mr. LaRouche is being kept from freely acting and intervening in political developments.

"One cannot help but feel, that to indict Lyndon LaRouche at this moment, does tend to indicate that the motivations behind the Boston proceedings are more political than anything else, especially since, after almost three years of 'investigations,' this version of the indictment that now includes LaRouche, does not appear to contain any new evidence. . . .

"The investigations, still ongoing, carried out by the Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations in the United States, have convinced me, that the charges raised against LaRouche are untenable. . . .

"In the now-released indictment against LaRouche personally—which can only be seen as a form of pre-judgment, in the light of a simultaneous press statement of the U.S. Department of Justice, without a trial ever having taken place—I see the very foundations of our system of civilized law threatened. Through such precedents, the faith of the Western world in the 200-year-old American Constitution is shaken. Especially worrying in this respect are reports which have come to our notice, of machinations by a 'parallel government' in the U.S.A., that bases itself on Executive Orders 12333 and 12334, personally signed by President Reagan. . . ."

Girauta's call is circulating to other

members of the international commission, which is continuing the monitoring of the LaRouche case which it began in May.

Gandhi's ouster demanded after violence in India

Following the worst acts of Sikh terrorism in five years, in which over 70 people have reportedly been killed in two different attacks on buses in the northern states of Haryana and Punjab, tens of thousands of armed police and paramilitary constabulary units have been put on alert and are on around-the-clock duty in northern India.

A group calling itself the "Khalistan Commando Force" has claimed responsibility for the atrocities, and Indian security forces report having found a note evidently authored by this group, threatening to "kill 100 Hindus for every Sikh killed."

British newspaper accounts of the situation in Punjab and Haryana, report calls for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's resignation. The *Financial Times* of London says these calls came from a number of political parties, as news of the atrocities spread. The *Daily Express* comments that "the future of Rajiv Gandhi is in the balance."

At one hospital where many victims of the terrorist attack were brought, families of killed and wounded people were chanting, "Gandhi out!" the *Express* reported.

A source close to Sikh-secessionist circles said the Soviets would gain most from the violence. "The Soviets want confusion in India," he said. "They're the only ones who can't lose." He forecast a Soviet-backed military coup should the situation continue to worsen.

Kissinger forecasts global 'regionalization'

In an interview with Brazilian journalists published in Rio July 5, Henry Kissinger forecast U.S. withdrawal from all world commitments except in the Western Hemisphere. He declared: "I think the world will be regionalized in the next 15 to 20 years

and that the United States should give maximum priority to the Western Hemisphere. . . . I even accept the fact that the Soviet Union has special security interests in Eastern Europe, interests which we should respect. But there is no natural law that says they have to play an active role in Central America and in Angola, and always a military role."

He argued, "If the Western Hemisphere, particularly Mexico, goes into great commotion, our border is at the Rio Grande and everybody will see the United States rapidly gather resources from the Atlantic and the Pacific to confront the problem."

Therefore, he continued, the U.S. administration must focus on the problem the banks are having collecting debts owed by Latin American countries, "over everything else."

Korea averts more violence, for now

The South Korean government has averted an escalating cycle of violence, temporarily, by the surprise announcement that it would accept demands by opposition leaders for direct presidential elections and release of political prisoners.

The remarkable shift followed two weeks of violence by "students" led by Kim Young Sam's Reunification Democratic Party (so-called for its program of reunification with communist North Korea). The compromise has bought time for the Korean government of President Chun Doo Hwan—and for patriotic forces in the United States to do something about the networks in Washington responsible for Korea's destabilization: the same Project Democracy whose most famous operative is Lt. Col. Oliver North.

Project Democracy has directed the destabilization since January 1985, when it dispatched Kim Dae Jung, then exiled in Washington, back to Seoul with stern warnings to Chun not to touch a hair on his head. At the end of June, Secretary of State George Shultz and his assistant secretary for Asian affairs, the Contra-tainted Gaston Sigur, were calling for a "transfer of power."

Briefly

● **A GREEK** government spokesman confirmed that during correspondence in May between Mikhail Gorbachov and Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, the Soviet leader "urged" that U.S. military bases "be removed from the country, in accordance with the unanimous demand of the Greek people," writes *Neos Kosmos's* Tzallas in the British daily *Independent*.

● **VENEZUELA**, following Mexico's lead, "rejects, condemns, and does not accept the intentions of the United States Senate in meddling in the internal affairs of Panama," Venezuelan Deputy Foreign Minister German Nava Carrillo said July 3, following a trip to Mexico.

● **'GORBACHOV** is like Jesus. He just keeps giving out good things like arms control proposals and [getting hit] with rejection," anti-nuclear activist Helen Caldicott told a Russian audience in Moscow, during a rock concert sponsored by the Soviet Peace Committee on the Fourth of July.

● **THE F-16** fighter-bombers stationed at Torrejón in Spain may well be moved to the Portuguese base of Beja, reported the Portuguese news agency. The agency said that U.S. State and Defense Department officials have been in contact with Portuguese diplomats to discuss moving the U.S. Air Force "Tactical Wing 401" to Portugal.

● **CARDINAL RATZINGER** summoned schismatic Archbishop Lefèbvre to Rome July 14, to present him with a 100-page report confuting his schismatic thesis on Vatican II. A "new offensive" against Rome had been started recently by Lefèbvre, who announced he will consecrate "his own" bishops in France, although he was suspended *a divinis* by Pope Paul VI. As an answer, Cardinal Jean Lustiger, Bishop of Paris, had an announcement read in all Paris churches that no Catholic should confess to Lefebvrian priests.