

# International Intelligence

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## ***Gorbachov approved Hawaii missile tests***

Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachov personally approved tests that sent unarmed missile warheads to a spot in the Pacific within a few hundred miles of Pearl Harbor, according to columnist Gregory Fossedal of the Copley News Service, writing in the *Washington Times* on Oct. 13. Citing U.S. intelligence sources, Fossedal reported that Gorbachov and other top Soviet officials "went into the deep underground bunkers near Moscow during the tests on Sept. 29 and 30."

"If true," Fossedal wrote, "U.S. officials believe, the findings suggest a Soviet willingness to test the resolve of a politically disabled Ronald Reagan."

"'Gorbachov stuck his thumb in Reagan's eye and got away with it,' one defense aide on Capitol Hill said. 'He's going to remember that come the summit.'"

The State Department responded to the incident by sending a mildly worded three-sentence cable to the Kremlin, written by a lower-level official. "In keeping with the cooperative spirit and the desire for new relations," the message read, the United States requested that the tests be halted and that future tests "not choose the Hawaiian Islands as an impact area."

During the tests, three U.S. aircraft were hit by laser beams, one by a beam of such power that most of its electronic surveillance equipment was knocked out instantly. Contrary to early reports, the Soviet lasers did not injure or blind the U.S. pilots, who were wearing protective headgear.

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## ***Moscow: U.S. debt will undercut defense***

In a domestic Soviet radio program on Oct. 4, monitored and translated by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, veteran commentator Valentin Zorin spoke on the ballooning indebtedness of the United States, and its implications for the U.S. defense budget.

President Reagan may have started out saying, "You can't deal with the communists," said Zorin, but all politicians have to reckon with objective realities. "What happened this week? The President was obliged to raise the ceiling of the national debt by a small amount—just \$500 billion. The ceiling for the U.S. national debt now amounts to \$2.8 trillion. To finance military programs, the government is obliged to go into debt to U.S. banks, to international banks. For the first time since 1913, the U.S. has changed from being a creditor country to being a debtor country. It will soon break all records with the size of its external debt. Reagan became the President who borrowed more than all his 39 predecessors put together.

"This is fraught with very serious economic consequences. One might say that it is a time bomb placed under the entire U.S. economic system. It is bringing about considerable difficulties for the U.S. on the world market, placing it in a difficult situation with its main competitors. The U.S. ruling circles are now coming up against a fact that for them is both unpleasant and objective: the impossibility of maintaining military spending at the existing level, the impossibility of maintaining overall national spending and the need to look for areas of saving."

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## ***U.S. protests naming of Iranian to Bonn post***

The U.S. State Department, in a highly unusual action, has officially protested West Germany's accreditation of Mehdi Ahari Mostafavi as the new Iranian ambassador to Bonn, because of his role in international terrorism.

The German foreign ministry, under the direction of pro-Iranian Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, accredited Mostafavi on July 15, only making the news public on Aug. 14. The American protest against Mostafavi is based on facts previously circulated internationally only by *EIR*, such as his leading role in the takeover of the U.S. embassy in Teheran in November 1979, and his ranking position in Iran's Rev-

olutionary Guard, the Pasdaran.

The U.S. protest was issued on Oct. 8, as Mostafavi arrived to take his new post. Bonn has rejected the protest, and refused an answer.

On Oct. 6, Mostafavi held a lengthy meeting with Iranian President Khamenei to review Iranian-German ties. The same day, Iranian Speaker of the Parliament Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani was meeting with German Ambassador Armin Freytag, who was quoted on Teheran Radio praising the "positive stand of Iran on U.N. Resolution 598," which calls for a ceasefire in the Gulf war.

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## ***Patriots for Germany back LaRouche***

Members and international supporters of the West German political party Patriots for Germany took out an advertisement in the West German daily *Die Welt* on Oct. 11, denouncing the proposed "zero-option" treaty for withdrawing U.S. nuclear missiles from Europe, and endorsing the candidacy of U.S. presidential contender Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., as "the only hope for the rescue of the Western Alliance."

The ad is titled, "Zero Option Means Submission." The text states, in part, "Moscow and Washington, in an unholy alliance of the two superpowers, have now agreed upon a summit between Reagan and Gorbachov in November which is to seal the double-zero option, and thus the fate of Western Europe. If this is not changed, it will be the continuation and finalization of the disaster which Roosevelt and Stalin brought us with the first Yalta agreement. . . ."

"It is a strategic reality, that the presidential campaign of Lyndon LaRouche in the U.S.A. is the only hope for the rescue of the Western Alliance. For all patriotic forces of every nation, it is therefore a matter of honor to support Lyndon LaRouche, just as the patriots of Europe supported Benjamin Franklin more than 200 years ago.

"We are absolutely aware of the fact,

that the fate of the free world is being decided in the U.S.A. at this advanced historic moment. But as patriots, we have to do everything to make sure, that the Federal Republic of Germany is not pulled further into neutralism, and that Western Europe is not lost even before the fight over the next American administration has been decided."

The text of the ad has been signed by several hundred prominent people. To name a few: Prof. Norbert Brainin, first violinist of the Amadeus Quartet, England; Cmdr. Milton Croom (ret.), former president of the Committee for Peace through Strength, U.S.A.; Vice Adm. Ralph Earle, Jr. (ret.), U.S.A.; Brig. Gen. Friedrich Wilhelm Grunewald (ret.), F.R.G.; Dr. Antonio Pacchiano, CISL trade union leader, Italy; Brig. Gen. Jobst Rohkamm (ret.), F.R.G.; Brig. Gen. Paul Albert Scherer (ret.), F.R.G.; John Seale, M.D., England; Vice Adm. Karl-Adolf Zenker (ret.), F.R.G.; Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founding member of the Patriots for Germany, F.R.G.

## France boosts military space budget by 80%

French Defense Minister André Giraud presented the FY 1988 defense budget to the National Assembly the first week in October, a total of FF 177 billion (\$30 billion), including substantial increases in nuclear-related categories, and a whopping 80% increase in spending for the military space program.

The announcement reflects French determination that France's independent nuclear deterrent not be undermined by the proposed intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty between the United States and Soviet Union.

The budget asks for hardware increases of 8.7% over last year, with one-third of the allocation going to modernize two nuclear (SLBM-equipped) submarines, to order eight Mirage 2000-N nuclear-launching fighter-bombers, and to start design studies for a new strategic submarine equipped with

MIRVed nuclear missiles.

Conventional force improvements will include new equipment, multiple ground-to-ground rocket launchers, and a new combat helicopter. The main cutback in the budget is in personnel.

## Reagan called unprepared for Gorbachov 'coup'

U.S. syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak published a "leak" from intelligence sources on Oct. 14, that Moscow's celebration of the Bolshevik Revolution at the beginning of November will confront President Reagan with a "coup," which his administration is utterly unprepared to deal with.

According to the columnists, Gorbachov will rehabilitate "Leon Trotsky, Lev Kamenev, Grigory Zinoviev and scores of lesser Bolshevik leaders murdered or sentenced to death under Stalin." He will repudiate the Hitler-Stalin Pact, and castigate Stalin for dealing with the Nazis.

"Secretary of State George Shultz, with total control of U.S. policy," the columnists write, "has planned no new strategies to avoid being carried away by Gorbachov. Instead, he is described by critics as feeding the . . . hunger for détente that has seized Reagan."

The détente posture of the White House and the State Department "plays into the hands of anti-nuclear peace blocs who are enraptured by the Gorbachov 'revolution' and will probably be ready to carry pro-Gorbachov politics into the streets after his dramatic pronouncements next month. . . . Sources inside the Soviet Union and beyond its borders foresee a West too stunned and made vulnerable by the radical sweep of what Gorbachov will say."

As *EIR* has reported, Gorbachov's tactic is intended to win back sympathy for Moscow among old leftists, social democrats, and left-leaning liberals around the world, to push through deep disarmament in Western Europe and the United States, a step which would give Moscow massive absolute military superiority.

## Briefly

● **THE JAILBREAK** of Mexican drug trafficker Rafael Caro Quintero and a dozen of his associates was foiled when someone informed the authorities of a nearly completed tunnel under his cell.

● **'NO TO EUTHANASIA,'** resolved a conference of the World Medical Association during the first week of October. The meeting also mandated that doctors should be allowed to reveal the identity of AIDS victims, if they are dangerous to others.

● **THE HEAD** of the "Democratic Current" of Mexico's ruling PRI party, Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, has accepted the nomination as presidential candidate of a small leftist party, the PARM. He was immediately supported by two other small socialist parties. Cardenas, the son of Mexico's most popular President, Lázaro Cardenas, is a radical environmentalist.

● **VENEZUELA'S** Gustavo Cisneros will be named to the international advisory council of the U.S. Information Agency, which is headed by Armand Hammer's friend Charles Z. Wick. Cisneros, who is connected to financial interests that are linked to drug money-laundering, was responsible for getting *EIR's* book *Narcotráfico, SA (Dope, Inc.)* banned in Venezuela.

● **ARMAND HAMMER**, the Russians' favorite billionaire, arrived in Kabul, Afghanistan on Oct. 12, the Soviet news agency TASS reported. Hammer will hold talks with government leaders aimed at finding a solution to the Afghan conflict, according to TASS.

● **JEWISH** extremists stormed Jerusalem's Temple Mount, site of the Dome of the Rock Mosque, one of Islam's principal holy places, clashing with Arabs until Israeli police intervened to stop the riot. This is the first time ever that Jewish fundamentalists have dared to storm the mosque.