

# International Intelligence

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## *Russians order West's Communists to radicalize*

A two-day strategy session of 10 West European Communist parties heard orders from Moscow to step up "class struggle" organizing. The conference began in Oer-Erkenschwick in the industrial Ruhr region of Germany on Feb. 2, and debated how to intensify "organizing of Communists in working-class neighborhoods."

The Ruhr has been hit with rioting and labor unrest recently, in response to the shutdown of steel factories there. The unrest has been steered, in part, by the Communist Party (DKP).

Analysts say the current conference reflects Soviet strategy in the face of the financial collapse of the West. Soviet publications have hailed this as the "final crisis of capitalism."

Sponsored by the Prague-based publication *Problems of Peace and Socialism*, the event was initiated by Soviet Central Committee member Vadim Zagladin at a similar strategy session in Prague six months ago. At that time, Zagladin, the deputy in charge of the Central Committee's International Section, urged the Western Communists to "become more offensive" and take advantage of "building working-class ferment."

Attending the Ruhr conference are the Communist parties of West Germany, Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Greece, Austria, Cyprus, Finland, Italy, and Switzerland, as well as representatives (i.e., KGB operatives) of the sponsoring publication.

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## *Will Italy get U.S. F-16s?*

The U.S. government has offered to give Italy the 72 F-16 fighter bombers it is now being forced to withdraw from Spain's Torrejón air base, and the offer now promises to touch off a furor in Italy.

Socialist Party leader Bettino Craxi, the former prime minister, says that he prefers that the F-16s stay in Spain, rather than have

them touch off the kind of "peace" riots that occurred after the stationing of American missiles at a base in Comiso, Sicily in 1982.

The "pacifists" are now gearing up against the F-16s, which would also be stationed at Comiso.

Some people have interesting reasons for favoring the F-16 deployment in Italy. An editorial by Arrigo Levi in the Feb. 2 *Corriere della Sera*, Italy's newspaper of record, argues that placing the F-16s in Comiso would be good, because it would help Gorbachov against "the hardliners" in Moscow, exactly as the cruise deployment had earlier, by creating the pretext for new negotiations with the Americans.

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## *German elite bows to Moscow, Spaeth*

In light of America's promised sell-out of Western Europe, one whole section of Europe's industrial and banking elite is now scrambling to fulfill Moscow's desires in the field of trade and technology, and demonstrating their good faith by endorsing as the next Chancellor of West Germany Social Democrat Lothar Spaeth, governor of Baden-Württemberg.

Ironically, this section of the European elite is calling itself the "European self-assertion" faction.

Under Spaeth's sponsorship, a star-studded cast of Europe's bankers and industrialists gathered in Stuttgart Feb. 5-6, to discuss increased cooperation among the high-technology sectors of Europe, a softening of CoCom bans on transfer of modern technologies to the Soviet Union, and the "self-assertion" of European banking, industry, and research against the rudderless Americans—i.e., make a deal with the Russians fast.

The international economic forum Spaeth set up featured Alfred Herrhausen of Deutsche Bank, Edzard Reuter of Daimler-Benz, Peter Wallenberg of Skandinavisk Banken, Carlo De Benedetti of Olivetti, Marcus Bierich of Bosch, Kinnock McGregor of Lazard Frères, Rainer Gut of Crédit Suisse, Andre Leysen of Agfa Ge-

vaert, Gert Lorenzen of Philips, Helmut Maucher of Nestlé, François-Xavier Ortoli of Total Oil, Matthias Wössner of Bertelsmann Group, Herbert Henzler of McKinsey Germany, and, as special guest, Kinichi Ohmae of McKinsey Japan. The event was also attended by representatives of Siemens, SEL, IBM, AEG, Nixdorf, and Unilever.

A spokesman for Spaeth told the press Feb. 2 that had German Chancellor Helmut Kohl "tried to put this meeting together, it wouldn't have worked, because nobody would have come. . . . To a certain extent, one may say that this is a good preparation for Spaeth's trip to the Soviet Union."

Spaeth left for Moscow the day after the gathering, for meetings with Foreign Minister Shevardnadze and party boss Gorbachov on Feb. 9. His meeting with Gorbachov was to last for two hours or longer, and to center around increased Soviet imports of German goods. Spaeth was accompanied by 30 representatives of German high-technology industries.

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## *Uncover Abu Nidal base in Poland*

Poland has been providing Arab terrorist Abu Nidal with personal refuge and a Warsaw-based arms-trafficking front-company since 1983, according to *New York Post* editorial writer Eric Breindel, in a *Washington Post* column Feb. 1. Breindel, a former aide to Sen. Pat Moynihan (D-N.Y.), wrote that this information was reported in a "carefully prepared State Department report—based on CIA findings," that has been ready since June 1987.

Breindel said that the report was ready "months before the Reagan administration restored full diplomatic relations with Warsaw, and honored General Jaruzelski by sending Vice President Bush there to meet the general."

Poland allowed the formation of SAS Foreign Trade and Investment Co. in 1983 "to channel commissions from arms sales to the Abu Nidal group." The same year, Poland allowed Abu Nidal to move to Warsaw after he was expelled from Iraq. At the end

of January, Warsaw announced the departure from Warsaw of Nidal's "chief financial aide, Samir Hasan Naimeddin."

### ***Sihanouk resigns as rebel coalition head***

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, once Cambodian head of state, announced from Beijing Jan. 31 that he is resigning as President of Kampuchea's anti-Vietnamese government-in-exile because of conflicts within the three-party coalition, and that he also plans to break off peace negotiations with the Vietnamese-installed authorities in Kampuchea.

Sihanouk accused Son Sann, leader of one of the three guerrilla groups, of being "extremely hostile" toward him and his followers. In a three-page handwritten statement, Sihanouk said Son Sann had accused him unjustly of treason and of "playing the game of the colonialist Vietnamese" through his talks with Kampuchean Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Sihanouk has met with Hun Sen on several occasions over the recent period, and other meetings were scheduled—clearly giving rise to mistrust by other parties in his coalition.

Sihanouk said he had not discussed the matter with the Chinese before he made his announcement.

### ***Soviet officer: We'll keep missile guidance systems***

A Soviet General Staff officer has revealed that Moscow intends to keep the most costly part of its SS-20 missile—its guidance system—for use in the civilian economy. The SS-20 is supposed to be dismantled as part of the INF treaty with the United States.

V.A. Kuklev, writing in the Central Committee daily *Selskaya Zhizn* (*Village Life*) on Jan. 26, said the guidance systems "will go into service for peaceful purposes." "It would, of course, be wrong," he said,

"to destroy along with the weapons those devices which could be used in the national economy. The treaty makes provision for such possibilities."

The same goes for the "powerful all-terrain vehicles" that carry the missiles: "Once all launch elements have been removed and work has been carried out to make it impossible for them to be reused for this purpose, the vehicles will go into the national economy."

### ***Soviets ready 'Nazi' hoax in Britain***

Undeterred by the collapse of their "war crimes" frame-up against John Demjanjuk in Israel, the Soviet Union has sent their top "Nazi-hunter," Deputy Prosecutor Natalia Kolesnikiova, to Britain to attempt to frame up a Lithuanian emigré there.

Kolesnikiova spoke before the All-Party Parliament War Crimes Group in London at the end of January, about testimony from "30 witnesses" alleging that Edinburgh-based Anthony Gecas had committed war crimes.

Britain's *The Observer* newspaper reported Jan. 31 that Gecas "vigorously denies the charges." The Gecas case is supposed to be the precedent for Britain to establish a group modeled on the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations. *EIR* has documented that the OSI, which stripped retired Cleveland autoworker Demjanjuk of his citizenship and deported him to Israel for trial solely on Soviet say-so, operates solely at the direction of the KGB.

OSI chief Neil Sher was in London during November 1986, also to present "evidence" against Gecas.

*The Observer* also reported that Labour Party parliamentarian Grenville Janner, secretary of the War Crimes Group, is demanding that Home Secretary Douglas Hurd set up a "swift and powerful investigative body" to prosecute 16 alleged war criminals living in Britain; Janner has previously defended use of Soviet-provided material in such cases.

## Briefly

● **EUTHANASIA** is advocated by those who care more about themselves than their sick relatives, charged Israeli Prof. Yeshayahu Leibowitz, during a Jan. 23 symposium in Israel. "The prohibition against taking life is a postulate which we must accept and cannot change in any way, because the minute we start making exceptions, we will lose control," he warned.

● **FRANK CARLUCCI**, the U.S. defense secretary, will meet with Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri Yazov in Bern, Switzerland before the end of March, in what the *Washington Post* portrayed as "a wide-ranging series of exchanges between leaders of the two nuclear superpowers' military establishments." The meeting will take place sometime after the Feb. 21-23 meetings between George Shultz and Eduard Shevardnadze in Moscow.

● **EVAN GALBRAITH**, the former U.S. ambassador to France, testified Feb. 3 that "the INF treaty sets us on a slippery slope and we won't stop sliding until Germany is denuclearized, neutralized, and demilitarized. . . . By ratifying this treaty, you will destabilize Germany and Western Europe and threaten the existence of NATO." He spoke before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

● **THE HOUSE OF LORDS** in Britain Feb. 2 voted 202-122 in favor of a ban on local authorities' promotion of homosexuality. Deliberations on the ban were interrupted when a group of lesbians swung down from the public gallery on ropes, yelling, "Shame on you!" and "Lesbians are angry!" Said Tory Member of Parliament Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, "It was a pure Tarzan act. . . . One chap almost lost his trousers in the melee."