

International Intelligence

Birgit Nilsson endorses scientific tuning

World-famous soprano Birgit Nilsson of Sweden has signed a call for a return to scientific tuning C = 256 (A = 432), against the higher A = 440 currently practiced.

The petition originated with a conference in Milan sponsored by the Schiller Institute, where it was resolved that the tuning had to be lowered not only to save young voices, but because shifts in register occurring in the music of the classical composers were distorted by the higher tuning introduced in this century. The conference and petition have been endorsed by Renata Tebaldi, Montserrat Caballé, Plácido Domingo, Kurt Moll, and many other international music figures.

Nilsson stated that if the higher tuning is continued much longer, there soon will not be any tenors left. She testified from personal experience that high tuning is devastating to the voice. She recalled an occasion when, one day after having sung at the Metropolitan opera in New York, she sang in Vienna, where the Philharmonic Orchestra was tuning to A = 446, which she recognized because her voice protested.

Other recent signatories are soprano Ann-Charlotte Björling (daughter of tenor Jussi Björling), singer Eva Serning, singing instructor Birgit Stenberg, opera singer Lars Billengren, singing instructor Thorsten Foellinger, 'cello and guitar teacher Mikael Klarstroem, the head of the opera in Reykjavik, Iceland, Gardar Cortez, and two Danish opera singers, Lone Koppel, a soprano who has sung most dramatic roles at the Danish Royal Theater, and Christian Soerensen.

Old fascist circle outlines AIDS program

"Nation Europa," a Germany-based organization that is the leading neo-fascist formation of the postwar era, has issued a call for concentration camps and euthanasia against AIDS victims.

Nation Europa which was founded in 1951 and claims, for example, that Hitler betrayed "real" fascism, is the "spiritual mother" of the West German Republikaner Party and the neo-Nazi NPD.

In a publication entitled, "AIDS: An Epidemic Is Changing the World," the organization argues that euthanasia should become legal for AIDS victims; they should be put in concentration camps; their treatment should be the same that it used to be for persons with leprosy, i.e., no treatment; there should be no research or treatment with "Retrovir" or AZT, because it is much too expensive; all foreigners with AIDS should be expelled from the country.

Adopting the viewpoint of the late Bertrand Russell, Nation Europa argues that nature does not allow overpopulation—and that AIDS is nature's way of solving the problem.

The Nation Europa "program" is interesting, in that it hardly differs at all from the standing policy of most governments toward AIDS.

Singapore ups challenge to State Department

After expelling one diplomat in mid-May for attempting to organize and finance an opposition to the government of Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore has issued a challenge to American diplomats it accuses of interfering in its politics, to a "television confrontation" to debate the U.S. State Department's contention that they did nothing wrong.

Singapore expelled E. Mason Hendrickson for meeting with a group of dissident lawyers whom he promised U.S. financing should they mount an electoral challenge to the government.

Trade and Industry Minister Lee Hsien Loong said that Singapore is willing to arrange a "satellite television confrontation" between the U.S. diplomats and two of the dissident lawyers they tried to instigate, "so that all the countries in Southeast Asia can see the Americans clear their name."

Singapore announced on May 31 that it would reduce the number of U.S. embassy

staff and become non-aligned if American diplomats insisted on interfering in domestic politics. First Deputy Prime Minister Goh Chok Tung told parliament, "If American diplomats behave as if they have a missionary right to roam all over Singapore, including off-limits areas, whether such behavior is official U.S. State Department policy or not, then we have no choice but to cut down their diplomatic staff strength."

Goh, without mentioning what was done to Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines, said the United States was trying to reshape the political future of South Korea, Taiwan, and the Philippines. He noted that the U.S. embassy in Singapore had 22 diplomats and 44 non-diplomatic staff. By contrast, the Soviet Union had only 8 diplomats and 18 non-diplomatic staff.

Meanwhile, in the second crackdown in a year on "liberation theology" in Singapore, Archbishop Gregory Yong has ordered priests to stop holding special services for political dissidents confined at the government's detention center.

Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew told parliament on May 27 that some Marxists and liberation theologians hide behind the Church as they work to broaden their network. Since 8 dissidents were re-arrested April 19, as many as 15 priests have conducted each service, with members of the congregation sporting yellow tee-shirts with the Biblical quotation, "The truth will set you free."

Japanese terrorist traveled widely

Japanese Red Army terrorist Yasuhiro Shibata, arrested in Tokyo early in May, was in Britain in January, to re-establish contact with other terrorist groups and buy arms and explosives, security experts report.

Britain's *Daily Mail* has reported that Shibata was also in Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, and Hong Kong in the past year.

Shibata, arrested in a joint Japanese-South Korean security operation that is part of ongoing efforts to protect the Summer Olympics in Seoul, is part of the Japanese Red Army group that spent most of the past decade in North Korea; another group was

Briefly

based in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. The organization issued a communiqué in January, which stated that the Seoul Olympics will be "buried in the South Korean people's struggle for democracy."

Another German intrudes into Soviet airspace

A German pilot intruded into Soviet airspace on "Border Troops Day," and got away with it.

The pilot, who flew a Cessna plane similar to the one flown by Mathias Rust, now imprisoned in Russia for landing his Cessna in Red Square exactly one year ago, intruded into Soviet airspace over the Kola Peninsula twice from Norway, May 28 and 29. On each occasion, he remained over Soviet territory for 30 minutes.

The pilot, whose name hasn't been disclosed yet by Norwegian authorities, reported that he met no problems while flying at low altitude over Soviet territory near the Soviet-Norwegian border.

Ostensibly learning about the affair through the news media, the Soviets displayed great embarrassment, and delivered a note of "stern protest against this willful provocation" to the Norwegian government.

Full alert in Korea through Olympic games

Throughout the Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea and U.S. armed forces will be on full-scale military alert, the *Sunday Times* of London reported May 29.

Security precautions for the Olympic Park include metal detectors, x-ray machines, barbed wire, and explosive-sniffing dogs. A special "Commando 868" anti-terrorist squad is being trained, in part, by the Britain's elite Special Air Services.

Olympic officials say that the greatest North Korean terrorist threat will be posed in the weeks leading up to the games, because the participation of North Korea's allies, the U.S.S.R. and China, in the games

should prevent terrorist operations once the Olympics are actually under way.

Meanwhile, the United States is expected to "put the screws on" for support from other nations in the U.N. Command in South Korea, in case there is military conflict, London's *Daily Telegraph* reported May 11. A source within the South Korean High Command said that the role of other nations will come under the spotlight in assessments of the annual "Team Spirit" joint U.S.-South Korean exercises. Other nations in the U.N. Command are Britain, France, Australia, Canada, Thailand, and the Philippines.

Japan may continue its defense build-up

Gen. Masao Ishii, who heads the Joint Staff Council of Japan's Self-Defense Forces, said in a speech May 24 that Japan must continue its defense build-up in order to counter the growing Soviet military presence in the Far East.

The northernmost Japanese island of Hokkaido, he said, "which faces both the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk, is a very important area," and Japan can play a vital role in helping the West secure the waterways.

The Soviets want to control the Sea of Japan and maintain the Sea of Okhotsk as a "sanctuary," the general warned. As a result, he said, Japan does not see any need to send its military forces abroad in order to bolster its contribution to the Western camp.

He said the Defense Agency is now discussing what steps it will take following completion of the 1986-90 medium-term program of military build-up, aimed largely at countering Soviet forces in the region.

The Soviet Union has increased its ground forces in the Far East to 43 divisions from the 31 it deployed 10 years ago, he said. Two of the Soviets' Kiev-class aircraft carriers are assigned to the region.

Ishii also said that Japan must expect to shoulder a greater burden for its own defense now that the U.S. is the world's largest debtor nation and Japan the top creditor country.

● **GREEK** Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou is threatening to oust U.S. forces from Hellenikon Air Base, located 10 miles south of Athens, according to Reagan administration sources.

● **GERMANY'S** defense will be impossible, should budget plans for the 1990s not be changed, according to an internal memorandum by a military group around Gen. Johann Graf Kielmannsegg.

● **THE BILDERBERG** Group's annual meeting took place June 3-5, *EIR* has learned. The meeting, shrouded as usual in secrecy, was held near Innsbruck, Austria, at the Inter-alpen Hotel, preceded June 2 by a Bilderberg Steering Committee meeting.

● **IRAN** has begun marketing American-made Stinger missiles to other Gulf countries, according to the May 27 London *Times*. The U.S. Senate has banned all sale of Stingers to the region.

● **CHINA** is now estimated to be the biggest arms supplier for the Gulf war, with North Korea the conduit for shipments to Iran. China earned some \$2 billion from arms sales last year, and is now the fifth largest weapons supplier in the world.

● **SOUTHEAST ASIAN** nations are being strained to the breaking point by the flow of refugees from Vietnam, where starvation is spreading. Due to the food crisis, the people now leaving "are not refugees, they are economic migrants," Thailand Secretary General Suwit Suthanakul said.

● **JAPAN'S** Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno is planning a trip to Israel in June, which will make him the first Japanese cabinet member to visit the Jewish state. Uno will also visit Syria, Jordan, and Egypt.