

# International Intelligence

## **East, West German army officers meet**

The first-ever joint seminar of senior army officers from East and West Germany began at the Institute of Peace Research in Hamburg March 28. The two-day seminar on "strategic questions in a disarming Europe" was initiated, with the consent of the Soviet General Staff, by West German Social Democrat Egon Bahr, the director of the institute, and East German Defense Minister Heinz Kessler.

The names of the senior officers, five on either side, have not been disclosed by the institute, "to avoid any interferences and aggravations from the outside on this very sensitive meeting," according to the office of Dr. Dieter Lutz of the institute. There are plans to have a follow-up meeting of the same type in East Germany.

In a different vein, West German Defense Minister Rupert Scholz has announced that he will not meet with his East German counterpart unless the shootings at the border separating the two Germanys stops. In an interview with the *Berliner Morgenpost* daily, Scholz responded to an "Easter Message" from Defense Minister Kessler, which said that a meeting between the two was desirable as a "confidence-building measure" on the "condition that there is no image of an enemy in the minds of the soldiers."

Scholz said his condition is that the "barbaric shooting" of refugees by East German border troops must stop, before he would consider any meeting.

## **German Greens plot ecological 'catastrophe'**

"It always takes bigger catastrophes, to make people accept the necessity of emergency preparedness," said an aide to the Green Party's parliamentary group in Bonn March 28. He had been asked about the West German equivalent to the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The aide said that the Greens want to

build the Environmental Affairs Ministry into an "agency with special powers, which can override other ministries, naturally." These powers would be in the police and justice sectors, and involve the coast guard and access to emergency units in the civil defense and armed forces.

Not surprisingly, the plan has met strong resistance from other relevant ministries—interior, transport, economy, agriculture, finance, and defense, the aide said. But "with the next bigger ecological catastrophe—and what happened in Alaska [the oil spill in Prince William Sound] now can also happen here, in the North German Bay—the general conditions framing the debate will change."

Asked what the "next big catastrophe" would look like in Germany, the Green Party aide said, "Well, these oil-drilling stations in the sea attract the big oil tankers, which always carry the potential for a big disaster."

## **Mountbatten not really royal**

The late Lord Louis Mountbatten, uncle to Prince Charles, "was a pathological liar. He lied consistently about his own history and ancestry. He wasn't truly royal, but insisted he was. He was a crashing snob. He was a bad influence on Prince Charles, a left-wing influence." So contends Lord Lambton, former Tory Member of Parliament and Defense Minister, and author of a new book about Mountbatten soon to be released by Constable Publishers. Lambton says he had the Queen's help in opening House of Windsor archives to him.

According to a report in the *Mail on Sunday* March 26, Lambton asserts that the title Battenberg, later Anglicized to Mountbatten, was bestowed to cover the fact that Mountbatten's grandfather, Prince Alexander of Russia, married a pregnant commoner, which denied their children the right to any other title. The scandal led to Alexander's banishment from Russia. Lambton claims that Prince Alexander himself was illegitimate; rather than being the son of the

Grand Duke Ludwig of Hesse, he was the child of the duchess and her lover.

Lambton says Mountbatten suppressed this information because he was deeply hurt by his own treatment, and by his father's forced resignation as First Sea Lord at the start of the First World War because of close ties to Germany.

Mountbatten, charges Lambton, was determined to insinuate himself into the British Royal Family by promoting the adoption of his name by Prince Philip and later, through Prince Charles, getting Princess Anne and Prince Andrew to adopt the surname of Mountbatten-Windsor.

The *Mail on Sunday* quotes Mountbatten biographer Philip Ziegler: "He was extremely anxious that the Royal Family should call themselves Mountbatten-Windsor, and took every opportunity to further that cause."

## **Pope casts doubt on Anglican-Catholic unity**

Pope John Paul II has sent a "bleak" letter to Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Church of England, casting doubts on the possibility for a reconciliation between Rome and the Anglicans, reports the lead story of London's *Mail on Sunday* March 26. The paper's exclusive report says that Runcie will fly to Rome "in a final bid to save talks aimed at uniting the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglicans."

The issue leading to the Pope's protest letter, was the ordination of a woman as a bishop by the Episcopal Church in America earlier this year, "a move which stunned the Pope and senior cardinals." A "high Vatican source" told the *Mail on Sunday* that the Pope held the Archbishop of Canterbury personally responsible for the "liberal" slide of the Anglican Church.

The letter from the Pope has "dismayed the Archbishop," because "he has devoted much personal energy to healing the historic breach between Canterbury and Rome," comments the *Mail on Sunday*. Actually, Runcie's effort to "reconcile" with Rome has been an effort to undermine the Roman (and his own church's) traditional Christian

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belief in the *Filioque* clause of the Nicene Creed, namely, that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father *and from the Son*—implying the divine potential of Man.

“As far as the Pope was concerned, the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC)—meeting on and off since 1970—was ‘a dead duck,’” the paper reports, noting that the Pope wrote the letter “after strong representations from his conservative English Roman Catholic bishops. . . . Two of the strongest Roman Catholic objectors are said to be the Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev. Maurice Couve de Murville and the Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt. Rev. Christian Hollis.”

Meanwhile, Runcie received “further depressive Easter news,” with reports of several more Anglican bishops joining in the campaign against ordination of women as priests.

### ***U.S. blackmailed Salvadoran military***

The United States’ control over Salvadoran military supply lines permitted the State Department to blackmail the Salvadorans into adopting the no-win strategy that now threatens to hand the country over to Soviet-run narco-terrorists, the *Washington Post* documented March 27.

The United States “has a high degree of control over the day-to-day conduct of the war,” including supplying all the fuel for military helicopters—but never providing more than a 30-day supply at any one time, the *Post* reported. Because the United States has used its control to impose a strategy of fighting a “low-intensity conflict”—instead of total war—top combat officers in El Salvador “anxious to fight a faster, more aggressive war” ordered a study done during the past 18 months, on the capacity of the military to operate if the United States reduces, or eliminates its aid. The study concluded that the military could only go all-out for about six weeks, before their supplies would run out.

One month ago, the United States used this blackmail capability, to force El Salva-

dor’s military to accept negotiations with the narco-terrorist Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front.

### ***AIDS victims urged to commit suicide***

People with AIDS should be offered counselling on euthanasia and how to commit suicide, Brenda Almond, reader in philosophy and education at Hull University, Britain, was quoted in the *Sunday Telegraph* March 26. Almond told the newspaper:

“Unlike the victims of many other fatal illnesses, people with AIDS are often young, usually in full command of their faculties, and are fully aware of the details of their illness. It is quite possible that they will feel the need for some means of escape.”

She said that doctors should be permitted, as they are in Holland, to actively assist patients to “end their suffering.” “There is a good case for saying that because suicide is legal, people should have the right to know how best to do it.”

Almond’s views were immediately backed by the Voluntary Euthanasia Society in Britain. But Dr. Charles Farthing, senior registrar at the AIDS unit of St. Stephen’s Hospital, Westminster, the country’s largest AIDS treatment center, said that most doctors now treating AIDS patients would reject suggestions that they should advise sufferers on suicide. “I do not believe that patients should be in any way encouraged to take their own lives.”

Meanwhile, in France, at a meeting of the Federation of Insurance Companies in Paris, it was resolved that anyone who tests HIV positive will be excluded from life insurance or will pay much higher premiums.

In addition, the French state social and health insurance companies are planning to increase monthly premiums because of the growing number of AIDS victims. One idea being discussed is to increase the monthly payments about 25% for all people in the age group 20-35. The cost for one AIDS patient was recently calculated at about 150,000 francs, of which 86% is being paid for by the state. An estimated 3 billion francs per year is currently being spent.

● **IRAN** reportedly seized and held a yacht for several hours on March 23 with five members of the Kuwaiti royal family on board. Kuwait later denied that the incident had happened, but this could stem from its embarrassment that, together with the five “princes,” were five British girls from an “escort service.”

● **JAPAN** on March 28 refused the changes which the Bush administration has proposed to make in an already-concluded agreement on joint development of a new FSX fighter aircraft. The changes involved guarantees against supposedly “sensitive American technology” with commercial applications falling into Japanese hands. Members of Japan’s ruling party a day later called on their government to scrap the pact and develop the FSX independently.

● **GREENWAVES** is the name of a new British environmentalist organization whose kinship to Hitler’s Nazis is open and public. A key figure is Michael Walker, whose magazine, *Scorpion*, has been reviving the ideas of Walter Darre, minister of youth and sport in Nazi Germany and Hitler’s principal “environmentalist” adviser.

● **TURKISH** Prime Minister Turgut Özal replaced 15 of his 22 ministers, March 30, responding to the crisis in his party, which suffered heavy losses in municipal elections. State Minister Yusuf Özal, the Prime Minister’s brother, was among those fired.

● **NORTH KOREA’S** ambassador in Beijing, Chu Chang-jun, said that recent talks with U.S. officials in the Chinese capital “are good and we hope to continue them,” at what Reuters called a rare news conference in Beijing March 29. The P.R.C. helped arrange the three rounds of talks which North Korean and U.S. diplomats have held since December 1988.