

# International Intelligence

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## Cappuccilli to sing *Rigoletto* at A=432

Piero Cappuccilli, the world-renowned baritone, will sing Verdi's *Rigoletto* in London this year at the original pitch Verdi intended, A at 432 vibrations per second, as opposed to the prevailing A=440-446. The announcement is expected to send shock waves through the music world.

Cappuccilli has become an outspoken proponent of the campaign launched with a Milan conference of the Schiller Institute in April 1988. The conference led to the introduction of legislation in the Italian Parliament, to establish A at 432 vibrations as the "Verdi A" or "scientific tuning." The legislation, however, was passed in an altered form, putting A at 440, angering Cappuccilli, among other opera greats like Renata Tebaldi.

Cappuccilli's announcement was reported May 23 in the nationally circulated Milan daily, *Il Giornale*. "The return to the natural A is totally possible, and I will demonstrate it in September when I will interpret *Rigoletto* with the London Philharmonic, which will respect the A at 432 vibrations," declared the singer.

The Rome daily *Il Messaggero* has an article, "War of the Tuning Fork Flares Up Again," and lines up on one side Tebaldi, Cappuccilli, Domingo, Joan Sutherland, and others, all for A=432, against the obscure physicist Righini, who spearheaded the sabotage of the "Verdi A" legislation.

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## Pope asks action to save Lebanon

The Pope has appealed to U.N. Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar and 16 heads of state to take steps to prevent the destruction of Lebanon, according to a Vatican statement May 21. The Pope is quoted, "The very existence of Lebanon is now in danger.

"We find ourselves facing a threat to the entire order of international life. It is a moral threat all the more sorrowful because a weaker state is subject to the violence of

those stronger than itself."

The Pope said those who brought harm on those weaker than themselves were guilty "not only before God . . . but also before the justice of human history. . . . Moral responsibility weighs on all those who, in such situations, do not defend the weak when they could and ought to have done so."

In an interview published a day earlier by Reuters, interim Lebanese President Gen. Michel Aoun called upon the Arab League, scheduled to hold an emergency summit in Morocco on May 23, to take up the fate of Lebanon by forcing Syrian withdrawal from his country. Aoun warned that both the survival of Lebanon and of the Arab League itself was in jeopardy if the organization failed to act against Syria's continued slaughter of the Lebanese people.

Aoun explicitly accused Syria of the recent assassination of Sunni religious leader Sheikh Hassan Khaled, who died with at least 20 others when a car bomb exploded as his car passed.

"Silence about these practices cannot be justified or accepted as Arab disability. One should not surrender to this failure and accept the criminal assassination of a whole population and the abolition of a nation."

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## Soviets: 'Sovereignty historically outmoded'

The Soviet Communist Party paper *Pravda* editorialized May 21 that the Baltic Republics' insistence on independence is "outmoded," because national sovereignty is being replaced by supranational institutions.

The Soviet newspaper attacked the recent call by the Estonian, Lithuanian, and Latvian popular-front leaderships for economic independence and for a repudiation by the U.S.S.R. of the Hitler-Stalin Pact. Under that 1939 agreement, Russia annexed the three nations.

The Soviet argument is most unusual and provocative. *Pravda* insists that the Hitler-Stalin Pact was not a "gentlemen's agreement," but prevented a situation in which the Baltic states could have served as

a "staging-ground" for Nazi Germany's invasion of the U.S.S.R.

Then, the paper attacks the Baltic leaders for wanting to "turn back the clock." *Pravda* stressed that nations today are giving up "absolute national sovereignty" to "supranational institutions," and that, therefore, the republics' new demands for national independence are "historically outmoded."

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## India rejects CIA chief's charges

India has described CIA chief William Webster's allegations that the country was producing an H-bomb as baseless.

Testifying before a U.S. Senate committee, Webster alleged that New Delhi is involved in a nuclear arms race with Pakistan, and is trying to manufacture a hydrogen bomb. This, he said, will jeopardize South Asia's security environment.

Indian embassy spokesman Ratakonda Dayakar refuted the charge, saying there was simply no truth in the reports that India was building an H-bomb. He said the CIA appeared to have drawn this conclusion from the annual report of the Indian Department of Energy, which had talked about India's capacity to purify lithium-6. India would not have mentioned such a development in its official publication, if it had the intention, as alleged, to develop a hydrogen bomb, said Dayakar.

By irradiating Li-6, tritium for deuterium-tritium fusion can be obtained.

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## Thousands cheer call for Soviet overhaul

A crowd of 25,000, standing outside Moscow's largest stadium, acclaimed a call by former Politburo member Boris Yeltsin for a complete overhaul of the Soviet Communist Party's ruling bodies, Reuters reported May 21.

"We must call for an extraordinary 28th Congress in order to elect a new Central Committee, to elect a new Politburo, in order

## Briefly

● **NIKOLAI RYZHKOV**, Soviet Prime Minister, may be in political trouble, according to the May 20 *Washington Post*. It quoted unnamed Communist Party Central Committee sources, who said that he may face a challenge to his power over the coming months.

● **PAKISTAN** denounced a May 20 threat by Afghanistan head of state Najibullah that he would order long-range rockets fired at what he called guerrilla bases in Pakistan, if Pakistani troops "continued to intervene" in the Afghan war. "We believe this to be a very serious development," a Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman said. "There are no such bases in Pakistan, there are refugee camps." Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto stated.

● **SALVADOR LAUREL**, vice president of the Philippines, was chosen May 20 to head the Nationalist Party, the country's oldest political grouping, which brought Ferdinand Marcos to power in 1965. In a speech, he called for a 10-year phase-out of U.S. bases in the country.

● **AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI** has been operated on for internal bleeding. According to a May 23 announcement by his son, the operation on the 89-year-old was a success and he is expected to recover.

● **HELGA ZEPP-LAROUCHE** was praised by Gustavo Patino Duque in the Medellín, Colombia bishops' journal, *Documentos para el dialogo*. "Which paradigm do you want for us," Duque challenges the malthusian Ivan Duque Escobar, "the Germany of the Nazi past which drowned in the maelstrom Nietzsche-inspired malthusian hedonism, or the Germany of Nicholas of Cusa, Schiller, Humboldt, Liebniz, Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, Gauss, Einstein, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, and Joseph Ratzinger, which fights to survive?"

to ensure the long-term development of our society," Yeltsin told the cheering crowd. A plenary meeting of the party's Central Committee was to be held May 22, devoted to the opening on May 24 of the Congress of People's Deputies, TASS reported.

Yeltsin was quoted May 20 that the Soviets were losing faith in Gorbachov's reforms because, with even basic foodstuffs impossible to find in stores, people did not feel real changes in their lives. "Now the gap between words and deeds has reached a critical point . . . enough speeches."

Yeltsin has been described by the Italian press as "the new Mussolini." He was removed from his post as Moscow party chief last year in the course of Soviet faction fighting, but was "elected" to the new Congress of People's Deputies earlier this year. He is loosely associated with the Pamyat (Memory) Society, a Russian supremacist, anti-Semitic group.

During April, writers linked to the Pamyat Society established a new front, called *Otechestvo* (Fatherland). The group was welcomed in the Soviet trade union daily *Trud* on April 8, as a new "Russian patriotic movement." Its initiators include the chief editors of *Moskva* (Moscow), *Nash Sovremennik* (Our Contemporary), and *Molodaya Gvardiya* (Young Guard), all of which have provided a podium for the vituperations of Pamyat-linked writers.

*Trud* said that the charter of Fatherland "expressed a striving for fidelity to authentic historical memory—the restoration of the lost traditions of the Russian people, the development of their domestic, material, and spiritual life, and the preservation and restoration of the treasures that were created over the centuries in Moscow and Rus."

### ***U.S. intelligence says Soviets violate INF***

The Soviet Union has been involved in systematic cheating on the INF treaty provisions, according to an article in the May 19 *Washington Times*, which cites U.S. intelligence sources. The violations have occurred, in particular, with regard to the SS-23 "Spider." The "Spider" is a 250-mile,

highly accurate ground-to-ground missile.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze threatened to "halt" the destruction of these weapons, outlawed under the INF treaty, if the United States insisted on modernizing its short-range missiles in West Germany, but sources claim that the Soviets have been observed re-welding transporters for the SS-23, which had previously been destroyed in accordance with the treaty.

Other issues raised indicate that the Soviets have also made operational a new ground-based cruise missile, the SS-CX-4, which had been camouflaged as a "legal" sea-launched missile during tests. According to the source, "We did not know that the missile was operational and had not detected any of the missiles deployed."

Other violations include removal of factory serial numbers from missile canisters, and camouflage of SS-20s which were supposed to have been destroyed. Moreover, a new U.S. estimate of Soviet missile production indicates double the number of SS-20s and SS-CX-4 (SS-N-21 in its sea-launched "legal" mode) identified in the treaty.

### ***Russians picketed at Schiller's birthplace***

Members of the Patriots for Germany party protested the visit of a Red Army delegation to Friedrich Schiller's birthplace in Marbach, West Germany May 21. The protesters displayed a banner reading "No, there is a limit to tyrants' power," a quotation from the Rütli Oath in Schiller's famous play, *Wilhelm Tell*. The house where the great classical poet was born in 1759 is a museum today.

The delegation of Soviet officers, on a one-week tour of West Germany, was hosted by Baden-Württemberg's state governor, Lothar Späth.

When the soldiers arrived at Marbach, they made efforts to take no notice of the rally, but a Soviet camera crew from *Pravda* asked the Patriots, "Why are you here? Do you have anything against our army?" In response, the Patriots began reciting the Rütli Oath.