

# International Intelligence

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## **Thai police chief orders drug crackdown**

Police Director General Pow Sarasin has ordered a nationwide crackdown on narcotics trafficking, in the face of an expected record Golden Triangle opium crop of about 2,000 tons, according to the July 9 *Bangkok Post*.

General Pow recently instructed police in the north to suppress drug smuggling from Burma. This year opium output from the Golden Triangle is expected to be 1,500-2,000 tons, against the 1,000-1,200 tons predicted earlier. Thai and Western diplomatic sources attributed the large increase in Burmese production to the country's political turmoil during the past year. Production of opium in Thailand this year is expected to be 30 tons.

General Pow said that more heroin refineries were likely to open at the Thai-Burmese border this year. Thai sources said that a new brand of heroin, bearing the trademark of an eagle over a globe with three Ks underneath, has already entered the market, and that heroin produced in Laos is of lower quality due to the lack of experienced chemists.

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## **Soviets threaten new Afghanistan moves**

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov warned the West in a *Washington Post* interview July 8 that Moscow is prepared to give the Soviet-backed Kabul regime some of its most advanced warplanes, including MiG-29 fighters and "a new type of Sukhoi" ground attack jet, to counter alleged U.S. upgrading of arms supplies to the Afghan rebels.

Vorontsov said that Moscow has already sent extra Air Force planes to its bases just north of the Afghan border, and had placed them "on a very high state of alert" to respond to any direct U.S. or Pakistani intervention in the fighting. He accused U.S. military officers of taking part in detailed planning of an offensive by the mujahideen

guerrillas against the southern city of Kandahar, and warned against the use of any Pakistani artillery in the assault.

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## **Japan calls for manned presence in space**

The Japanese Space Activities Commission, in a major revision of its space policy, called on June 29 for the development of a Japanese manned presence in space.

The revised 10-year plan of the commission stated Japan's aim of developing an unmanned orbital vehicle and starting basic research for a manned shuttle. It also invited a role in space for private firms, a Science and Technology Agency official said.

The commission also stated an intention to develop an unmanned orbital craft known as *Hope*, which could shuttle supplies to the space station. The vertical take-off vehicle would be launched by Japan's H-2 rocket now under development, and would land on a runway. *Hope* will cost at least \$2 billion, the official said. No fixed timetables accompanied the commission's proposals.

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## **Appeasement of China hit as the 'new Munich'**

Two recent commentaries in European newspapers have attacked the appeasement of China by the United States and other Western nations as a replay of Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler at Munich.

Taking aim at former President Richard Nixon, who is going to China in the fall, two prominent Jewish commentators, Messrs. Hertzog and Henri-Levy, wrote in the Paris daily *Libération* July 8, "Mr. Nixon is a brilliant Hegelian. . . . When Mr. Nixon, flying in the face of reason, tells us that firmness would be an error for which the Chinese would have to pick up the tab, one gets that *déjà vu* feeling of that bad old movie of the West pulling out, as the previous generation also did. In 1935, we didn't want to impose sanctions on Italy, to avoid throwing it into Hitler's arms—by 1937, there it

was, signing the Iron Pact; in 1938, we didn't want to irritate Mr. Hitler, so we threw him Czechoslovakia and Danzig—one year later, war. 1945: We wanted to be nice to 'Uncle Joe,' so that the Churchillians and other advocates of containment would not 'bring to power the hardliners in the Politburo'. . . . Mr. Nixon is doing the same thing today, and we can only ask ourselves, what price we will have to pay. . . . for the Munich of our times."

"Shame of Turning Hong Kong into Another Munich," was the lead editorial of the London *Sunday Mail* July 2. The people of Hong Kong are "in mortal danger" because the Beijing regime is "one of the most murderous on Earth." The *Mail* cites the Tibetans and the Chinese who tell of whole families disappearing, of political prisoners, of secret prison camps, and "great men" driven insane inside them. "And then there is Tiananmen! Can anyone be sure this is not the fate that awaits Hong Kong?"

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## **Schiller Institute musical tuning issue hits Venezuela**

"Today's Musical Tuning Must Be Rejected as Arbitrary," was the headline of the lead article of the cultural section of the Venezuelan newspaper *El Diario de Caracas* on July 4, covering the campaign of the international Schiller Institute for scientific musical tuning based on a middle C of 256 Hertz. "Jonathan Tennenbaum advocates a return to rationality," the article reported. "The German-born U.S. physicist is in Caracas thanks to the Schiller Institute, to explain a theory which confronts musicians and orchestra directors."

The article, by Efrain Corona, reports on "the veritable civil war in Europe and the United States" on C = 256. It calls a Schiller Institute conference in Milan "a veritable revolution," and reports on a talk given by Tennenbaum July 3 in Caracas, in which he said that those who think they can raise pitch to any level "think of musical tones as if they were paper money, whose value can be inflated or deflated at the whim of whoever is in power."

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## French minister rejects role in arms talks

French Defense Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement on July 6 gave a clear-cut "non" to Soviet requests that France join nuclear arms control talks.

Meeting in Paris with Deputy Soviet Defense Minister Mikhail Moiseyev, Chevènement said that France cannot possibly respond positively to the Soviet proposal that the Central European arms reduction zone be extended in accord with the four western Red Army districts, and the French nuclear capability be considered part of Central European armaments. Chevènement told his guest from Moscow that France cannot be considered a part of Central Europe, and her defense is a sovereign, purely French affair.

Chevènement is rumored to have informed Moiseyev that the term "common European home" that Mikhail Gorbachov is constantly repeating originated with France's General Charles de Gaulle, "in the 1960s, but with a different meaning, naturally."

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## Cocaine ship capture aims at Panama invasion

The U.S. capture of the largest cocaine cache this year on board a Panamanian-registry freighter on July 7, based on "permission" for the operation granted by the deposed and exiled former President of Panama, Eric Delvalle, has been handled by the State Department in a way to set the stage for military invasion of Panama.

The Panamanian government, and the Panama Defense Forces, have been cooperative with U.S. authorities in all anti-drug operations, even in the present nadir of U.S.-Panama relations, according to officials of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. The decision to "ask" Delvalle's permission in this case, rather than dealing with the government of President Manuel Solís Palma, observers note, is a move to establish the precedent for the United States to

soon "ask" Delvalle's permission for military action against Panama.

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## Sandinistas expell Project Democracy agents

The Sandinista government of Nicaragua has expelled operatives of the U.S. Project Democracy who had traveled to that country to monitor upcoming elections.

During the week of July 3 the government expelled Antonio Ibarra, a Freedom House operative whom the Bush administration had sent to Nicaragua to monitor the Feb. 25 election. The Sandinista newspaper *Barricada*, reported that Freedom House is "known in the United States as a front for the Central Intelligence Agency."

On July 4 Mark Fierstein and Leti Martinez of the National Endowment for Democracy's National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, were briefly detained on their way to a conference with Nicaraguan opposition parties. The Sandinista paper *Nuevo Diario* labeled the National Endowment for Democracy a "CIA front."

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## Korean opposition figures indicted

Leaders of Kim Dae-Jung's Party for Peace and Democracy (PPD) in South Korea have been recently arrested and/or indicted.

PPD legislator Moon Dong-hwan was indicted July 3 for helping to finance his brother's, Rev. Moon Ik-hwan, illegal visit to North Korea. Moon Dong-hwan is the former vice president of Kim Dae-Jung's party.

PPD Assemblyman Suh Kyung-won was arrested June 27 for making a secret visit to the North, and it was hinted that he had also engaged in espionage. South Korea said that a North Korean agent operating in Europe had given the assemblyman \$10,000.

The Agency for National Security Planning arrested one of Suh's closest aides, Pang Yang-gun, July 2 on charges of receiving the money from the agent in Frankfurt and delivering it to Suh.

# Briefly

● **FRANZ SCHÖNHUBER**, the chairman of the neutralist German Republikaner Party, is facing charges of financial fraud. Schönhuber allegedly failed to deposit a DM 1.3 million election refund received after the October 1986 Bavarian state elections into party bank accounts, but put it into his own.

● **CORAZON AQUINO** will be destroyed by the collapse of the Philippine economy, says Teodoro Beningmo, who resigned last May as President Aquino's press secretary. Mrs. Aquino is aware of the dangers but "is still unable to rise to the occasion" to meet the crisis which he expects will peak in August.

● **MIGUEL ROIG**, the Argentine finance minister, died of a heart attack on July 14, five days after taking office. He was a former executive of the Bunge and Born grain cartel.

● **'JAPAN OVERSEAS** Intelligence,' a new Japanese-language magazine produced in collaboration between *EIR* and a group of overseas Japanese, was released on June 29. Editors Minoru Shii and Uwe Parpart will travel to Japan in July to promote the publication.

● **MIKHAIL GORBACHOV** took home from his visit to France the pistols with which Aleksandr Pushkin was murdered in 1837. Pushkin was the poet who fought to civilize Russia with the ideas of Friedrich Schiller and to make the Russian language capable of expressing universal, beautiful ideas.

● **MARIO PORTA**, Italy's General Chief of Staff of Defense, warned, "Perhaps the most insidious" challenge of Gorbachov's peace offensive "derives from disinformation and the activity of psychological warfare, which constitutes . . . a weak point of ours and of the entire alliance."