

## 50 years after WWII: a world in crisis

The non-aggression pact between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union was signed on Aug. 23, 1939, and the Nazis invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. Today, 50 years later, Moscow is preparing for war, as Marshal Ogarkov indicated in a June statement (see page 42). Yet some in the Bush administration seem to be contemplating a new kind of Hitler-Stalin Pact. The crisis spots are throughout the globe:

**1. Panama:** President Bush has refused to recognize the new provisional government announced on Sept. 1, and the country is bracing itself for a U.S. invasion which, if it occurs, will ring the death-knell of Colombia's war on drugs by equating it with "Yankee imperialism."

**2. Argentina:** The new President, Carlos Menem, is under U.S. pressure to break up the military as the precondition for economic aid, while Soviet assets are preparing to unleash terrorist war in the context of acute economic breakdown.

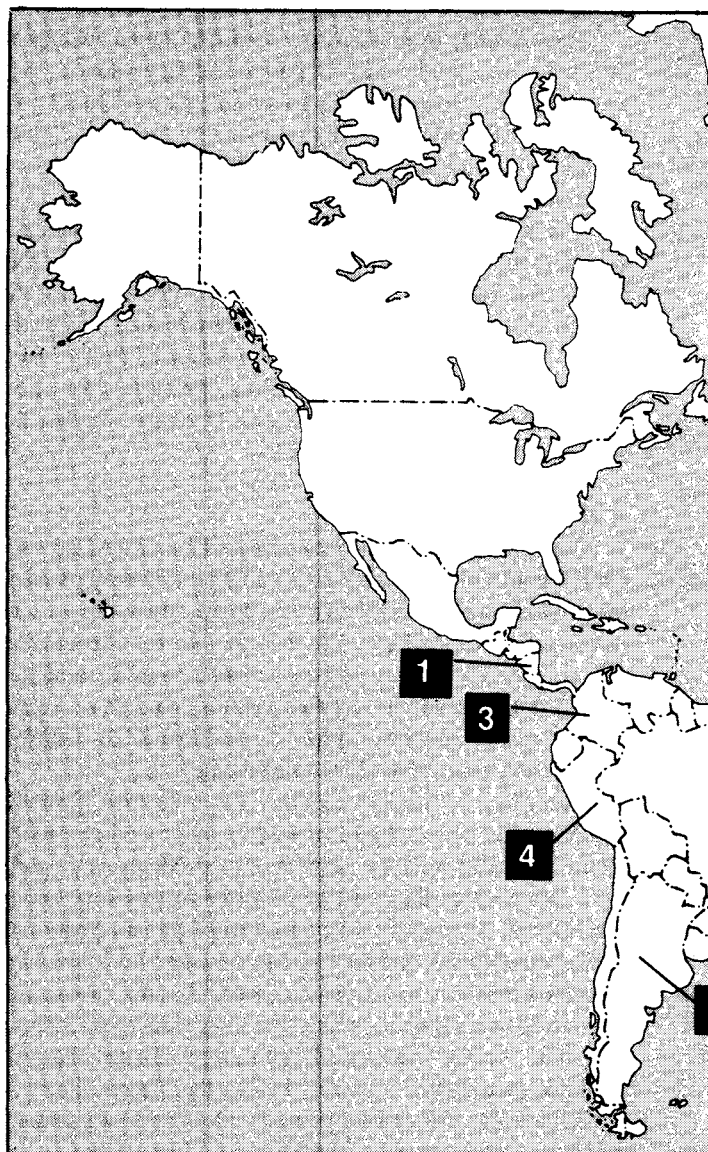
**3. Colombia:** President Virgilio Barco declared the country at war with the drug traffickers on Aug. 25. The first U.S. technical aid, promised by President Bush, has arrived, but the Communists and U.S. Establishment back "dialogue" with drug-trafficking enemies of the nation.

**4. Peru:** Major parts of the country are without authorities after Shining Path and other narco-terrorists have assassinated government and police officials, in a nine-year war which has left 15,000 dead and continues unabated at present.

**5. Sweden:** The Soviets are putting heavy pressure on the Swedish government to "clarify" (i.e., retract) press revelations that the Soviets knew in advance of the 1986 assassination of Prime Minister Olof Palme. As of Sept. 1, Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson was standing up to the Soviet threats.

**6. Baltic Republics:** The Aug. 26 Moscow Central Committee statement, subsequently endorsed by Gorbachov, threatened the extermination of the peoples of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, should they continue to demand the abrogation of the Hitler-Stalin Pact that let Stalin annex them to the Soviet Union.

**7. Poland:** The new Solidarnosc-led government inaugurated on Aug. 24 requires Western investment to undertake its economic reconstruction. But it appears that the United States is sacrificing Poland in order to subsidize the survival of Gorbachov.

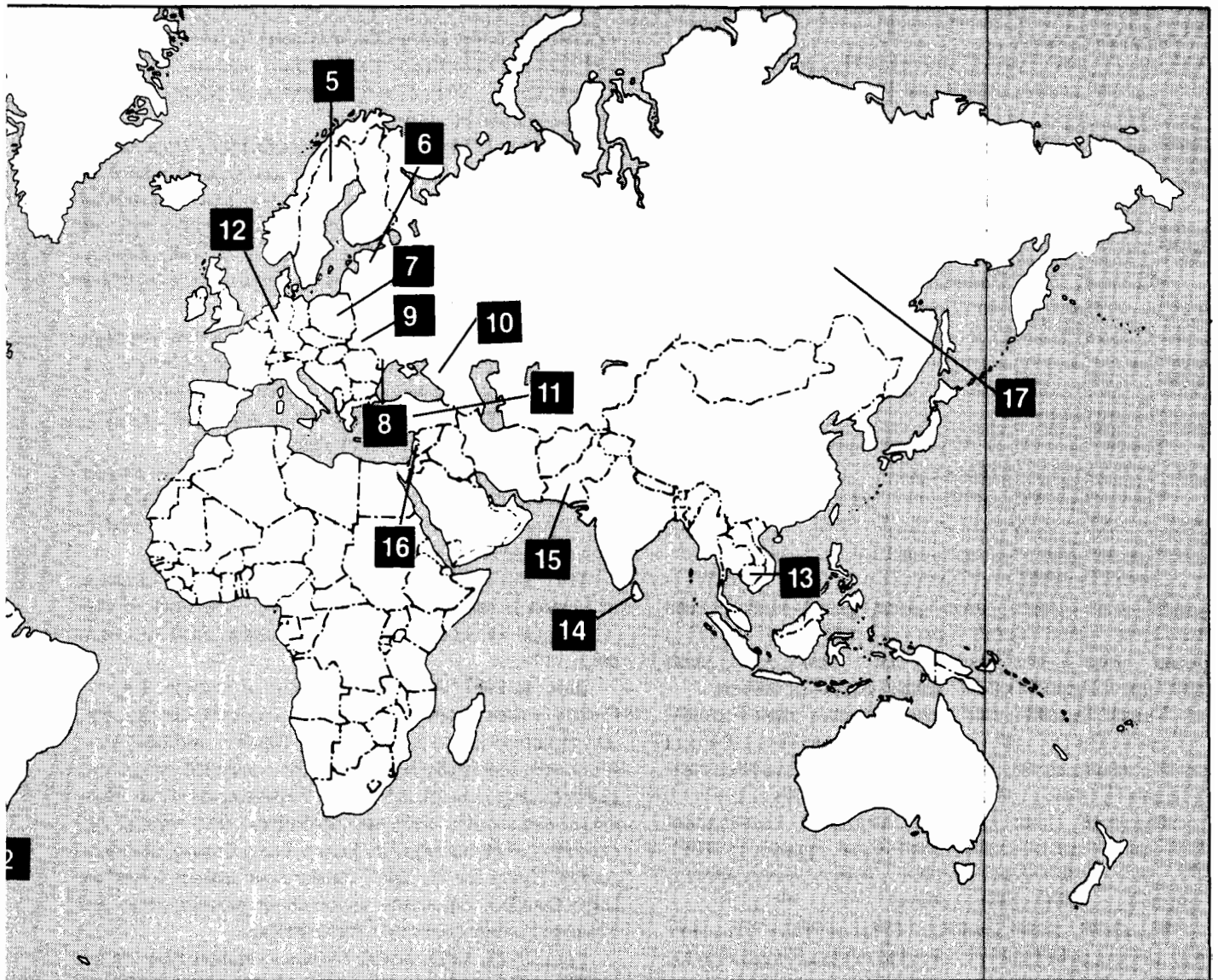


**8. Moldavia:** In this republic of the U.S.S.R. bordering Romania, ethnic Moldavians are pitted against Moscow-backed ethnic Russians in a struggle over a proposal to replace Russian with Moldavian as the official language. On Aug. 31, 100,000 Russians were on strike, rejecting even a potential compromise on the issue.

**9. Ukraine:** In the biggest of the captive nations, 40,000 people recently demonstrated in Lvov for freedom for the Roman Catholic-allied Uniate Church, and people were beaten in Kiev for demonstrating on Black Ribbon Day, Aug. 23.

**10. Transcaucasus:** Ethnic unrest continues between the republics of Azerbaijan and Armenia; in Baku, 600,000 people demonstrated in August.

**11. Turkey-Bulgaria:** Bulgaria has expelled



310,000 ethnic Turks over the border into Turkey, to punish their resistance to being “Bulgarianized” and to put pressure on NATO member Turkey. Turkey has been forced to close its borders, unable to handle the influx.

**12. Germany (East and West):** The number of fleeing refugees from the Communist-ruled German Democratic Republic this year has reached 150,000, with 20-30,000 seeking to leave through Hungary.

**13. Cambodia:** With the breakdown of the Paris talks Aug. 30, the region is now bracing for civil war between the P.R.C.-backed Khmer Rouge and the Vietnamese-backed Hun Sen regime in Phnom Penh.

**14. Sri Lanka:** The government of Sri Lanka, already under intense IMF pressure, is under terrorist blackmail from the North Korean-tied Sinhalese chauvinist JVP,

which is building for a coup against President Premadasa.

**15. Pakistan:** Pressure is building up for a potential coup against Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, which could unleash war throughout the region.

**16. Lebanon:** The United States is supporting the fascist dictator of Syria, Hafez Assad, a Soviet puppet, who is planning a new “Warsaw Ghetto” extermination against the Christians of Beirut.

**17. People’s Republic of China:** Beijing continues to push drugs into the United States, making a profit of about \$70 billion a year. Exiled leaders of the democracy movement estimate 120,000 arrests since the Tiananmen Square massacre of June 4, and report systematic torture and numerous secret executions by the Deng regime, to which the Bush administration is still committed.