

International Intelligence

U.S. sees 'zero warning' for North Korean invasion

U.S. intelligence officials have reduced the warning time for a North Korean invasion of South Korea from 48 hours to less than 24 hours, as a result of the slow but continuing buildup of North Korean troops close to the demilitarized zone (DMZ).

"We are advising a plan on zero warning time," an intelligence official is quoted by the April 25 *Washington Times*, noting that 70% of North Korea's 930,000-man ground force is on permanent war footing in bunkers and tunnels within 15-20 miles of the DMZ.

Some defense officials are concerned that the planned U.S. troop withdrawal pace may be too fast, says the *Times*.

Meanwhile, the United States, despite its repeated pledges to the contrary, unilaterally decided in January to close three air bases in South Korea, according to the South Korean news service Yonhap. It quoted a Defense Ministry official, who charged that after Seoul was informed of the decision, a statement was issued by both sides simultaneously to cover up the unilateral nature of the U.S. action.

Jerusalem Post praises 'Jewish gangsters'

The April 20 issue of the *Jerusalem Post Magazine* featured on its cover, "Mobsters for Zion," and "Zionist Gangsters!" on the jump-page. The kicker read, "Back in the 1940s, a number of prominent American Jewish mobsters heeded the call to arm and finance the emerging State of Israel."

Author Robert A. Rockaway of Tel Aviv University's Department of Jewish History seemed to try, but could not conceal, his admiration for the likes of Meyer Lansky and Bugsy Segal, et al.

"Jewish gangsters quietly assisted in the struggle to create the State of Israel," he wrote. "Surprising as it may seem, these activities were not unique, but part of a tradition of American Jewish underworld figures defending their people in times of trouble.

... Although the activities of Jewish gangsters were an embarrassment, they could provide what respectable Jews could not: physical protection for the community and quick cash for an Israel struggling to survive. These men were not latter-day Robin Hoods and should not be glorified. Yet in their time they made a contribution to their people's survival."

Of the 1920s, he wrote, "Just as they succeeded in other areas of endeavor, so too did Jews achieve prominence in crime. . . . Despite their fears, many Jews harbored a grudging admiration for the gangster because he was a 'slugger' who went against the norms of conventional society without caring what *goyim* [non-Jews] thought."

Meyer Lansky, Rockaway reported, once told him, "I never got on my knees for any Christian."

The *Jerusalem Post* is owned by the Hollinger Corp., of which Henry Kissinger and Charles Bronfman, the latter of the famous Canadian bootlegging clan, are top figures.

Argentina's Menem scrubs missile project

Argentine President Carlos Menem, in an effort to get the Bush administration to persuade the International Monetary Fund to resume dispensing funds to his country, has eliminated the Condor II missile program, a joint project with Egypt and Iraq. The United States, however, is demanding some guarantee that the halt is not just temporary.

In announcing the cancellation, Menem admitted that the main reason was the need to avoid conflict with Washington. Foreign Minister Domingo Cavallo assured the United States that cooperation with Egypt and Iraq is at an end, and offered to apply the technologies developed through the project to ecological problems and to share them with the United States.

Argentina has also offered to create a regional system of atomic energy safeguards which is tantamount to signing the Non-Proliferation Treaty the country has resisted signing for several decades.

At a meeting with Secretary of State James Baker, Cavallo said that Argentina wants help from the Bush administration in negotiations with the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the private banks, which he said is key to Argentina's economic program.

Shamir accused of planning new settlements

Parliament member Yossi Sarid has accused Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of planning at least 14 new settlements on Israeli-occupied Arab land. "I have details of 14 planned settlements. He may deny it, but I have the details," he said May 2.

In an interview the same week, Shamir said he regretted Israel could not afford massive Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Sarid said right-wing and religious politicians claiming a biblical birthright to the occupied land would seek unbridled settlement now that Shamir was no longer constrained by sharing power with the Shimon Peres-led Labor Party.

There are now 70,000 Jews among the 1.75 million Palestinians in the occupied territories. Some 10,500 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel in April, following 7,300 in March, by far the largest immigration ever.

U.S.-Soviet deal-making has promised Israel 750,000 Soviet Jews, all of whom are to be settled in the West Bank.

Slovenia, Croatia move toward independence

Yugoslavia's two enclaves, Slovenia and Croatia, are preparing for full national sovereignty within months. The next Slovenian prime minister, Petar, a Christian Democrat, has announced a referendum on Slovenian independence within the next six months. Also, a special study was released in Ljubljana by the magazine *Nova Revija* on the costs and benefits of independence. The authors call for Slovenia to become an "independent part of Europe."

Another leading figure in the next Slov-

enian government, which will most likely be announced on May 4. Dr. Jozef Pucnik, has called on the European Community to study integrating, one by one, those Yugoslav republics who ask for it. Dr. Pucnik led the opposition alliance DEMOS, which won the recent elections with 58% of the vote.

The future Slovenian government will include no communists. Christian Democrats and the Peasant Party united their forces to become the strongest party with 28% of the vote.

In Croatia, the staunchly pro-independence party of ex-General Tudjman has gained an unexpected two-thirds majority in the elections and will rule this republic alone after run-off elections on May 12. The first step towards independence, he announced, would be the creation of an independent Croatian news agency, to end dependence on Belgrade's Tanjug.

Kohl, Mitterrand urge Lithuanian restraint

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and French President Mitterrand released a letter at a joint news conference in Paris April 26 which urged Lithuania to "suspend for a while the effects of the decisions" in its unilateral declaration of independence from the Soviet Union. The two leaders said Soviet leader Gorbachov had been advised of the contents of the letter in advance.

Both Kohl and Mitterrand, in separate statements, denied that there was any parallel between the treatment of Lithuania now and the sellout of Czechoslovakia to Hitler in 1938. "There is no comparison . . . with Munich. We are not on the verge of war. There is no conquering imperialism," Mitterrand said. Kohl added, "This is not the time for additional tensions; there must be discussions. We must use all means at our disposal to stabilize East Europe."

Vladas Dargis, editor of the *Lithuanian News* magazine and a leading Lithuanian spokesman in London, attacked the Franco-German government statement on Lithuania as "unbelievable," but added that "there has been a growing sequence of unbelievable

things" from the West. "There will be people starving and dying in the streets before they suspend the declaration of independence," he said.

The White House denied having any "advance knowledge" or "involvement." But the *Washington Post* published statements by White House and State Department officials that the "Franco-German move was 'encouraged' by the United States as one that 'would fall within our definition of finding a mechanism to create a process' of negotiation between Vilnius and Moscow."

'Goddess of Democracy' to dock at Taiwan

The government in Taipei, Republic of China, said April 30 that it would not be cowed by threats from Beijing, and would allow the *Goddess of Democracy* dissident radio ship to dock on the island, Reuters reported. "I don't think it is necessary for our government to change its basic attitude because of repeated threats and warnings from the Chinese Communists," government spokesman Liao Cheng-hao told state radio.

The Red Chinese April 29 charged, "Taiwan authorities meddled in many ways in last year's anti-government rebellion in Beijing." A Xinhua news agency commentary claimed the Taiwan government was funding the French-owned ship, and said, "This constitutes an open provocation."

Sponsors said that for five days, the ship, while sailing toward Singapore, had failed to make radio contact. "We understand there is bad weather along their route and the currents are against them," said Christophe Nick, a reporter for the French magazine *Actuel*, one of the sponsors of the ship. "But we don't understand why the boat has not made contact and we are anxious about the people on board," Nick said.

Since sailing past Gibraltar into the Atlantic in April, the ship has been shadowed by Chinese trawlers. The organizers, however, "do not consider that the situation has reached a critical juncture," said a statement issued in Paris.

● **VENEZUELA'S** *Diario de Caracas* on April 26 republished as its lead editorial Scott Thompson's article in the Feb. 23, 1990 *EIR* dealing with Henry Kissinger's resignation from the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB), and LaRouche associates' exposé of Kissinger, Lawrence Eagleburger, and Brent Scowcroft's conflicts of interest.

● **RED CHINA** faces a huge task in quelling "fierce" Muslim separatism in its Northwest frontier region, according to the April 26 *Xinjiang Daily*. Amudun Niyaz, Communist Party deputy secretary in Xinjiang, said rioting crushed by police last month in Baren, near the Silk Road town of Kashgar, was "not an isolated incident. . . . Our task henceforth is enormous."

● **NELSON MANDELA** and South African President F.W. de Klerk met for three days of talks May 2, in an attempt to clear the way for negotiations for blacks and whites sharing power. A statement issued after the opening session said the parties had agreed on "seven obstacles" to power-sharing, including security laws and violence in black townships.

● **A VENEZUELAN** military court in the state of San Cristobal ruled April 24 that 14 people killed by the Army over a year ago were guerrillas. Venezuelan gnostic and parliamentarian Walter Márquez had claimed the victims were innocent fishermen and helped protect two purported eyewitnesses to the shootings. The ruling found that the two were never at the scene of the crime.

● **THE MAGNAN-TRIO**, cellist Eliane Magnan, pianist Monica Ripamonti, and violinist Seth Taylor, performed in the Schumann House, in Zwickau, East Germany, on April 24, where composer Robert Schumann was born in 1810.