

# International Intelligence

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## **France's Le Pen wants to deport illegal aliens**

The National Front of France, led by Jean-Marie Le Pen, has issued a 50-point plan that would halt all new immigration, deport all illegal aliens, create special camps for illegal aliens prior to their deportations, revoke all naturalizations since 1974, and require that French citizenship be passed on only through bloodlines, according to a report in the *New York Times* on Nov. 24.

While France's political establishment quickly denounced this plan, many leading politicians who are considered part of the "mainstream" have recently been voicing similar racist views against the so-called rising tide of immigrants. Former prime minister Jacques Chirac has said he is tired of the "noise and smell" of immigrants; former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing has warned of an "invasion" of immigrants and has spoken of the "right of blood" to determine nationality, and President François Mitterrand recently said that France had reached "the threshold of tolerance" for immigrants, but later withdrew the remark.

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## **Sihanouk tells U.S. to mind own business**

Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia asked the new U.S. ambassador to Cambodia not to interfere in the country's affairs, the *International Herald Tribune* reported on Nov. 20. After overthrowing Prince Sihanouk in 1970 and bombing Cambodia in the Vietnam War, the U.S. cut the country off from all aid and trade, including the most basic humanitarian aid, for 20 years. When he received the credentials of U.S. Ambassador Charles Twining, Jr., Sihanouk said that he wished that "the U.S. could avoid something like the event in 1970," when President Richard Nixon supported Lon Nol. "Please do not interfere in the events in Cambodia," Sihanouk said.

Sihanouk also denounced his erstwhile allies, the Khmer Rouge, as "monsters," who "in their hearts remain very commu-

nist, very Maoist, very Cultural Revolution, very Robespierre, very French Revolution, very bloody revolution." However, although recently he has several times called for an international tribunal to try the Khmer Rouge leaders for genocide, Sihanouk said they must be caressed like "naughty dogs."

Following his return to Cambodia the week before, Sihanouk announced that his son, leader of the Royalist Party, will form a political alliance with his former enemy Hun Sen, the current prime minister who was installed when Vietnam invaded Cambodia and drove out the Khmer Rouge. Sihanouk said that Hun Sen led the "least bad regime" for Cambodia.

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## **Australian Congress: Withdraw Yugoslav envoy**

On Nov. 13, the Australian House of Representatives unanimously passed a motion calling on the government to revoke the credentials of Yugoslavia's ambassador to Australia. According to the resolution:

"The motion moved that this house: 1) deplores the continuing loss of life and destruction of property caused by the Yugoslav Federal Army's military activities against the people of Croatia, in particular the wanton destruction of Dubrovnik, a city of great history accorded World Heritage Listing; 2) notes that the government of Yugoslavia is no longer representative of the former federation or functioning as its government;

"and 3) calls on the Australian government to: (a) inform the Yugoslavian ambassador that Australia is no longer able to accept that the ambassador is in a position to represent the whole of or a major part of Yugoslavia; (b) notify the United Nations of this decision; (c) call for an immediate cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of the Federal Army from the areas it now occupies; and (d) acknowledge that there is no prospect for the reestablishment of the Yugoslav federation as it previously existed and recognize that the inevitable path to self-determination and independence of the Yugoslav states should be commenced without delay."

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## **Egypt's Butros Ghali named new U.N. chief**

Butros Butros Ghali, deputy prime minister of Egypt, has been approved as the next secretary general of the United Nations, replacing Peru's Javier Pérez de Cuellar. Ghali was reportedly sponsored by the French government in particular. Press accounts claim that African U.N. delegates were celebrating the appointment of an African, burying earlier misgivings about Ghali.

Butros Ghali is a Coptic Christian and is married to an Egyptian Jew. He gained fame in 1977 when the Egyptian foreign minister resigned to protest President Anwar Sadat's decision to fly to Jerusalem. Ghali became acting foreign minister and accompanied Sadat. Ghali then led the negotiations which resulted in the Camp David accords among Israel, Egypt, and U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

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## **Behind attack on Libya: political calculations**

The London-based Arabic newspaper *Al-Arab*, in a commentary the week of Nov. 18, charged that the electoral defeat of Richard Thornburgh in the Pennsylvania elections was the principal reason for the Bush administration's new threats against Libya for its alleged responsibility for the Dec. 21, 1988 bombing of Pan Am 103.

The paper wrote: "The CIA and the British intelligence service have revived the issue of the explosion aboard the American plane in 1988 in order to serve as an excuse for a military action against Libya. Some Arab diplomats in the Arab capital say that U.S. President George Bush's administration has now found a suitable subject that can be used to cover the decline of Bush's position with the United States, as confirmed by the defeat of Bush's Republican Party candidate in the Pennsylvania state election, which was won by the Democratic candidate. The result prompted Bush's aides to arrange for a media clamor, possibly to prepare for another military action that

would deny the Democrats any action opportunity, especially since the negotiations for peace in the Arab region have lost their shine and have not yielded the desired fruits."

### **Turkish officials charge U.S., Germany with plot**

Retired Turkish intelligence official Mahir Kaynak, speaking in a conference in Eskişehir in November, charged that U.S. and German intelligence circles "are behind what is going on in southeast Anatolia," namely a revival in Kurdish terrorism run by the separatist PKK. It is said that the PKK foreign base of operations is Frankfurt, Germany.

According to Foreign Ministry sources cited in the newspaper *Milliyet*, "the goal of PKK insurgency" is to "organize a large rebellion and drag Turkey into a quagmire similar to the one that Saddam was drawn into."

Reportedly, this assessment is shared by the new government of Suleyman Demirel, which, for this reason, will not renew the treaty allowing for the "Operation Provide Comfort" U.S.-European base in southeastern Anatolia. The base had nominally been established to provide humanitarian aid to Iraqi Kurds. The treaty comes up for renewal on Dec. 30.

### **Israel, China set to establish relations**

The well-known "secret" that Israel has supplied China with much of its military technology—mostly a "pass-through" of U.S. technology, which was then also passed to Saudi Arabia, Iran, and others—has now become public, with the visit of the Israeli defense minister to Beijing in November. While the Israelis have announced that official diplomatic relations should be established within a few months, the nature of already existing trade relations was evident from the members of the delegation.

Dan Gillerman, chairman of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce, was the spokesman, saying that Israel was interested in expanding trade and seeking opportunities for Sino-Israeli joint ventures, particularly in agriculture, electronics, and chemical production, and claimed that arms deals "did not come up." However, also on the trip were Gen. Dan Shomron, a former chief of staff of the Israeli Defense Forces and currently chairman of the board of the Israeli Military Industries; the heads of Leumi and Company, Israel's largest investment bank; the Dead Sea Bromide Group, Israel's largest chemical exporter; El-Al airlines; and the Israel Diamond Exchange. Shomron met officials of the China National Aeronautics and Space Corp.

### **Taiwan accuses Beijing of preparing a blockade**

The standing committee of Communist China's National People's Congress in October revised its border laws to claim explicit sovereignty over a zone extending 12 nautical miles from the shores of Taiwan and its outlying islands, Taiwanese officials said, according to a Nov. 22 report from the news agency Reuters. This gives Beijing the right to exclude "foreign military vessels" from the zone, and aircraft can enter only if their governments have signed agreements with China or have prior approval.

"The Chinese Communists aim to obtain a legal basis for excluding foreign military intervention if they try to solve the 'Taiwan problem' with a blockade in the future," Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) said.

The MAC said senior communist leaders, including President Yang Shangkun, had agreed on measures against the Taiwanese independence movement, since Taiwan's main opposition Democratic Progressive Party formally demanded independence last month. Beijing will step up pressure on the Nationalists to crack down on the independence movement and will reduce economic and civilian exchanges with Taiwan.

## Briefly

● **PERU'S** former President Alan García was indicted on Nov. 22, on charges that he embezzled \$500,000 in state funds during his term in office. Peruvian Attorney General Pedro Méndez accused García of buying residences that cost more than his income. García maintains that he is innocent, and that the assault against him is intended to prevent him from running again in 1995.

● **FORCED DEPORTATION** of some 60,000 Vietnamese refugees from Hong Kong to Vietnam may begin as early as January, Hong Kong's refugee coordinator Clinton Leeks announced on Nov. 20. Leeks said that talks would begin in the next few weeks with Hanoi. Hong Kong wants to send at least one planeload of refugees back a month, despite the resistance put up by the 59 people already deported in November.

● **THE LENIN LIBRARY** in Moscow, one of the world's greatest treasure-houses of books and old manuscripts, has fallen into ruin and has been closed permanently. The library houses 40 million volumes, with works in 247 languages dating back as far as the 6th century. It has been wrecked by lack of funds for maintenance—its lights out, its ceilings falling, its catalogue cards scattered.

● **ERICH HONECKER**, the former East German communist chief, is seeking political asylum in Chile, the "paradise" of free-trade ideologue Milton Friedman's economics.

● **ARGENTINE** President Carlos Menem received an award as "statesman of the year" from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith during his recent visit to the United States, the Argentine daily *Clarín* reported on Nov. 19. The award was for his role in bringing 5,000 Jews from Syria to settle in Argentina. Menem is expected to meet with Syria's Hafez al-Assad in early 1992 to discuss this issue.