

International Intelligence

U.N. admits 'doing Serbs' job' in Bosnia

A senior United Nations official in Sarajevo admitted to Reuters on May 16, under conditions of anonymity, that "we are doing the Serbs' job for them to a certain extent." He said that by establishing "safe areas" and disarming the Muslims, U.N. forces in Bosnia are "effectively tying down Muslim troops with our peacekeepers and pacifying Muslim pockets instead of Serb soldiers having to do it."

The U.N. source added, "The Serbs are relatively short of infantry so they look for anything which enables them to use their troops more effectively. Safe areas can do that."

Reuters also quoted Col. Jovar Divjak, deputy commander of the Bosnian Army: "The [Serbs'] territorial objectives are clear: They want all of eastern Bosnia and a corridor of land to Serbs in the west. They will accept the Vance-Owen plan, but not the maps that go with it. We expected them to use cease-fires and discussions about safe areas as a camouflage for further aggression. That's what they're doing."

Scottish paper features ADL espionage scandal

The Edinburgh newspaper *Scotland on Sunday* on May 9 ran a story titled "Spy Scandal Rocks U.S. to the Core." The scandal, according to the paper, is "centered on two shadowy figures in San Francisco who sold information to South African intelligence agents and to a politically powerful Jewish group, the ADL [Anti-Defamation League]."

The paper quotes anti-apartheid activist Anne Poirier, a plaintiff in a lawsuit against the ADL: "Irish, Palestinians, Armenians—to what extent is there a security front cooperating at an international level with the South African government, the British government, or whomever?"

The weekly also mentions that the police raid against ADL offices resulted in the sei-

zure of "notes from infiltration of meetings including one at which recently assassinated black South African leader Chris Hani spoke in Los Angeles."

Khasbulatov warns of Russian 'Balkanization'

One of Russian President Boris Yeltsin's chief political rivals, parliamentary chairman Ruslan Khasbulatov, warned on May 15 that Russia is being pushed into a "Balkanization" scenario under western influence, and that Yeltsin's "dictatorial" attempts to bypass the legislature in drafting a new constitution could produce anarchy and "disintegration."

Khasbulatov warned that "attempts to solve the present crisis . . . by anti-constitutional means will lead irrevocably to the collapse of Russia—something which influential international political, financial, and industrial circles are striving for in the most open manner. The time has come when not only deputies and ministers, not only regional authorities, but all citizens should recognize the danger facing the country of death, war and subjugation. The danger to Russia of 'Balkanization' is a real one."

Speaking to foreign journalists, Khasbulatov threatened that if Yeltsin flouts the Constitution, there will be anarchy in the country, "and that means that those nuclear, biological, chemical and other . . . weapons that are very dangerous to the environment and to other states may end up out of control."

Russia and Turkey sign defense pact

Russia signed a defense cooperation accord with Turkey on May 11, a defense ministry statement said. It stated that Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev and his Turkish counterpart, Nevzat Ayaz, signed a memorandum of understanding calling for cooperation in military training and defense industries.

Grachev, who arrived in Turkey on May

10 for a five-day visit, told reporters that the accord would help boost ties in other fields. Ayaz, describing the signing as a historic moment, said that the memorandum would implement part of a \$300 million cooperation agreement signed by Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel and Russian President Boris Yeltsin a year ago in Moscow.

In a related development, Turkish, U.S., and Russian officials are planning to meet soon to discuss a peace plan aimed at ending the five-year-old dispute between Azeris and Armenians concerning the Armenian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, the Anatolian News Agency reported on May 12.

Turkish foreign ministry sources said they would discuss Armenia's rejection of the peace plan proposed the week before. Armenia charged that the plan was in the interests of Azerbaijan.

A western official in Paris said that the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) would send 600 peacekeepers to Nagorno-Karabakh if Armenians and Azeris agreed to a cease-fire there. This would be the first military force ever fielded by the CSCE.

Arafat hits treachery by U.S. and Israel

The Palestine Liberation Organization announced on May 10 that it had slashed from 14 to 3 the Palestinian team at the Middle East peace talks because of the U.S. and Israeli failure to fulfill their promises to the Palestinians. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said in a message to the 2 million Palestinians of the Occupied Territories that the United States and Israel had reneged on the promises in an attempt to damage the PLO's credibility.

"U.S. promises carried to us by brother [Arab] and friendly parties . . . were not implemented, in an attempt to damage the PLO's credibility," Arafat charged. He added that maneuvers by the Israeli delegation in the first two weeks of the ninth round of negotiations "and the criminal, willful escalation [of violence] against our people in the Occupied Territories constitute devel-

opments which put things again at a dangerous crossroads.”

The Palestinian delegation also dismissed Israel's offer to allow home 25 more of the Palestinians it deported in December. “They know very well that in order to make a difference they will have to double or triple the number. . . . This is actually renegeing, because we were talking about sizeable numbers, numbers that would make a difference,” said spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi. “We neither have the time nor the inclination to deal with this not even inch-by-inch, but millimeter-by-millimeter approach.”

U.N. general backs 'ethnic cleansing'

Major General Lewis Mackenzie (ret.), former commander-in-chief of U.N. forces in former Yugoslavia, favors a soft “ethnic cleansing” to end the conflict. Mackenzie expressed this view during a conference on the future role of Canada in international peacekeeping, held at the Parkdale Collegiate Institute in Toronto on May 12.

In an interview given to *L'Express*, Toronto's French weekly newspaper, journalist Charles-Antoine Rouyer characterizes the general's view: “Only one solution is possible. It consists of regrouping each ethnic community in distinct geographic zones, ‘separate them with barbed wire,’ [says the general] and let time do its work.”

“A ‘redistribution of the population’ is the term that the general uses cautiously, a synonym nonetheless of ‘ethnic cleansing.’ ‘People associate this expression with ‘genocide,’ which is totally inexact.’ The expression has been associated through error, according to him, with the camps and the atrocities reported in the media.”

Mackenzie's line was not well received by some in Toronto. “Is he a lobbyist for the Serbian side?” asked Member of Parliament Alex Kindy in the House of Commons. According to the *Commons Debates Journal*, Kindy put a question to his own government on the issue:

“I have a question for the minister of national defense that she should be able to answer. Who is paying for Mr. Mackenzie's

trips? Is he a lobbyist? Is he a lobbyist for the Serbian side? These are questions that I think are very legitimate. He has been meeting with Serbs. He has had a special relationship with a Serbian leader in Bosnia. So these are questions that should be answered by the Minister of National Defense. What is Mr. Mackenzie's function? Is he in a conflict of interest situation? He was a commander of the United Nations and now he is a consultant apparently to the Serbians in Bosnia. So these are the questions that arise.”

Mackenzie is being sought by the Bosnians, based on eyewitness testimony, on charges of having personally taken four Muslim women out of a Serbian rape camp and raped them himself.

Kozyrev sees 'decades' of war in the Balkans

The world may have to get used to the idea of the Bosnia crisis continuing on for decades, just like the Arab-Israeli conflict, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev told the French daily *Le Monde* in an interview published on May 14.

Kozyrev said that he had just had several telephone discussions with French Foreign Minister Alain Juppé and with Danish Foreign Minister Niels Petersen, and that he is in regular contact with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Kozyrev said that “nobody is putting forward any concrete proposition. Other than under the form of questions to debate, nobody is lining up clearly behind a solution. Neither am I; I am not ready to advance propositions that rely on the use of force.”

Pressed on the issue of using military force, Kozyrev replied: “Is it necessary to do something at any price? The simplest thing is to launch an atomic bomb, we have lots of them, the Americans also. Or to drop bombs. Or to attack Sarajevo. . . .”

“Meanwhile, it has been 45 years that they have been debating a Middle East solution. [U.N.] Resolution 242 itself is 30 years old; that is not a little girl, but a woman in the flower of her years.”

Briefly

● **‘FRANCE** Is Betting on Milošević,’ was the headline in the Paris daily *Le Figaro* on May 14. In the view of the French government, “the Serbs of Belgrade, being very largely responsible for the nationalist fever in Bosnia, are now obliged to bring their wayward brothers to reason.”

● **SERBIA** blew up two ancient mosques in Banja Luka, Bosnia on May 7. The Fehrad Pacha Mosque, dating from 1579, was destroyed first, followed a few minutes later by the Arnaudijja Mosque (1584). The Imam of Bosnian Krajina, Hadzi Ibrahim Halilovic, said that he did not weep, because “those who have destroyed 800 mosques in Bosnia since this war began are men without humanity, without religion, and without culture.”

● **SOUTH AFRICAN** Foreign Minister Pik Botha will visit Egypt on May 24, on the first official trip to Cairo by a senior South African official for 35 years. An Egyptian foreign ministry official said that the two states have no schedule to establish diplomatic ties, however.

● **PROSTITUTION** will help to finance the Greenpeace ecological-terrorist group in Germany, according to the daily *Bildzeitung* of May 13. A prominent Berlin brothel is collecting donations for Greenpeace from its clients, in a public relations bid to capture a sizeable chunk of the DM 12 billion which German men are expected to spend on prostitutes this year.

● **MOROCCO'S** King Hassan denounced Amnesty International, following its release of a report charging Morocco with human rights violations. The king called Amnesty “an old and completely faded thing that has no further use. . . . It was taken over by leftist movements. . . . I don't see why it comes to put its nose in our affairs.”