

International Intelligence

Brawl in Sweden over policy toward Russia

A heated debate on foreign policy took place in the Swedish Parliament on Feb. 23, featuring charges and countercharges between the Socialist opposition's foreign policy spokesman, Pierre Schori, and Foreign Minister Margaretha af Ugglas.

Schori accused the conservative government of "diplomatic . . . and political passivity" in its foreign policy. He criticized the government's support for shock therapy in Russia, as well as its policy toward the Baltic countries. He has also asked for a more active policy against the Serbs in former Yugoslavia.

Ugglas retorted, "Pierre Schori is playing Russian roulette when he speaks about missile attacks against Belgrade and quotes from secret letters from Moscow."

In a television interview recently, Schori stated that the U.N. should give the green light for a cruise missile attack against Belgrade. Schori has retracted that statement, but continues to criticize the government for "impotence" in the face of the slaughter in Bosnia.

Bosnian leader scores Russia and the West

Stjepan Kljuic, a member of the Bosnian Collective Presidency, sharply criticized the role of both Russia and the West in the Bosnian war, in an interview with the Danish daily *Politiken* published on Feb. 24.

Kljuic categorically rejected any division of Bosnia-Herzegovina, calling for a multi-ethnic Bosnia with internationally recognized borders. Only on this basis can peace be established, he said.

Kljuic is one of the seven members of the Collective Presidency of Bosnia, consisting of two Muslims, two Serbs, two Croats, and one representative of other ethnic groups. He is himself a Croat. During a visit to Denmark, Kljuic visited Bosnian refugees and met with Foreign Minister Niels Helweg Petersen.

He told *Politiken*: "We have been betrayed by the West. The West asked us to eradicate communism and hold free elections. Then, the West called on us to declare our independence. When we were recognized by the EEC and admitted to the U.N. on April 6, 1992, the Serbian aggression started.

"But when we organized ourselves to fight against the Serbian fascists, we became the targets of an illegal weapons embargo in contradiction to the principle of the right to national self-defense. . . .

"Great Britain, France, and Russia are siding with the Serbs. Europe and the U.S. are remaining silent. How can Denmark and Norway, who both have had bitter experiences with fascism, participate in this? . . .

"The West does not see that the Russians are trying to fulfill their century-old dream of reaching the Adriatic Sea. What neither Czarist Russia nor Communist Russia succeeded in doing, President Yeltsin is now fulfilling."

Bernard Lewis accused before French court

British intelligence operative Bernard Lewis is being hauled before a French court, on charges that he has denied that the genocide against the Armenians by the Turks ever took place. Lewis, a professor at Princeton University, is the author of a plan for destroying the nation-states of the Mideast and Central Asia and replacing them with ethnic- and tribal-based entities.

According to the French daily *Libération* of March 1, Lewis is being brought to a Paris court under the same Article 1382 of the civil code that has been used against Robert Faurisson, the "Holocaust Revisionist" who insists that there was never a Nazi Holocaust against the Jews.

Two associations are bringing the charges against Lewis, the Forum of Armenian Associations of France and the Licra. These groups cite an interview granted by Lewis to the daily *Le Monde* on Nov. 16, 1993, in which he defended Turkey by saying, "There was an Armenian problem for

the Turks." He also expressed doubt that, in the years 1915-17, there had been a "deliberate policy, a decision to systematically annihilate the Armenian nation." He said that the word "genocide" should not be applied in this case.

The following week, 30 French intellectuals mobilized against Lewis. *Libération* notes that the affair probably would have died out at that point, had not Lewis decided to respond, defending his earlier claims. In an article published on Jan. 1, 1994, he insisted that the greater number of Armenians who died, died because of "famine, sickness, being abandoned, and of cold, because the suffering of the deported was prolonged during the winter." *Libération* comments that this is quite a surprising affirmation, given that the greatest massacres occurred during the summer of 1915, and that the majority of the deportees were dragged into the Syrian desert, "hardly known for its polar temperatures."

'Peace Now' leader sees plot against Rabin

Israeli "Peace Now" leader Abie Nathan wrote, in a letter to the *New York Times* published on Feb. 24, that he has become aware during a visit to the United States that some American Jews not only oppose Israel's peace agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization and a future agreement with Syria, but are also trying to topple the Israeli government of Yitzhak Rabin, in order to kill the agreements.

"I was shocked and dismayed to hear Jewish voices in the United States—even though I believe those voices are a minority—demanding the downfall of the present Israeli government," he wrote. "To such voices I say: Beware. We have paid a heavy price to have a democratic system of government in Israel. We will never let you or tolerate anyone threatening our right to govern and be governed as we who live in Israel see fit.

"There is only one way to change governments and that is by the ballot box. Come to Israel, share in the responsibility of de-

Briefly

● **UNITED NATIONS** officials admit that their troops in Mozambique have been running a child prostitution ring, the BBC reported on Feb. 25. The soldiers implicated have been sent home. The Mozambique government has delivered an angry protest to the United Nations.

● **PAKISTAN TV** on Feb. 20 reported on the human rights violations against Lyndon LaRouche. According to an article on the program in the Feb. 22 daily *The News*, panelist "Saqlain Imam said that regarding human rights violations in the world, it was natural that such violations were rampant in the developing nations, but the developed world could not be excluded in this regard. He referred to American activist LaRouche and his associates who were sentenced on phony charges."

● **EGYPTIAN** President Hosni Mubarak is likely to fall to Islamic fundamentalists, according to a classified U.S. intelligence report leaked in the *Sunday Times* of London on Feb. 20. The report says that Egypt could slide into economic chaos and civil war. A similar assessment was made in a classified Israeli intelligence report late last year.

● **BORIS YELTSIN**, in his "State of the Nation" address to the Russian Parliament on Feb. 24, stated that "any attempt to isolate Russia by expanding NATO eastward represents a threat to Europe and to peace in the world." Yeltsin also promised that there would be no further cuts in the Russian military budget.

● **THE VATICAN** daily *Osservatore Romano* reports that people who use the "morning after" contraceptive pill will be subjected to automatic excommunication from the Catholic Church. Another pill whose consumption leads to excommunication is RU-486, which causes an abortion. Msgr. Elio Sgreccia characterized that pill as "a form of blackmail, an instrument of repression of peoples, because it is imposed upon the poorest in exchange for economic aid."

fending the country, and use your right to vote for change. . . . We Israelis need and welcome your involvement, and there is much we can learn from you. However, we who live in Israel have a right to decide what government will govern."

Karadzic wants new Versailles Treaty

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic demanded a new arrangement like the Versailles Treaty to guarantee the partition of Bosnia, in an interview with the Belgrade daily *Vecernje Novosti* published Feb. 24.

Karadzic insisted that the international community ratify the partition of Bosnia along ethnic lines by a treaty "like that of Versailles or of Saint Germain." The latter was concluded in 1919 to legally ratify the breakup of the Hapsburg Empire.

Karadzic added that in any negotiations toward concluding such a treaty, it must be made clear that "the Muslims must not get more than 25% of the territory."

Karadzic further told *Vecernje Novosti* that "the Serbs, in the Balkans, are a superior people. Who will be able to fight so long against them?"

Pope renews attack on malthusianism

In a letter on the occasion of the international year of the family, Pope John Paul II gave new impetus to his campaign to protect the family and the individual from the New Age culture of death. The letter, presented in Rome by Cardinal Alfonso López Trujillo, anticipates themes which will appear in an upcoming encyclical on "the defense of life." Cardinal López Trujillo characterized it as a "historic encyclical," in which the unborn children will be defined as the new social class requiring protection, according to the Italian daily *La Repubblica*.

In the 100-page letter, the pope distinguishes between "the civilization of love" and the possibility of a "destructive anti-civilization." In the latter are included: utili-

tarianism, sex education in the schools (not strictly Catholic), the pro-"choice" movement, and "safe sex."

"The world is threatened in significant measure by alienation," he writes, "the fruit of the premises of the Enlightenment, according to which man is *more* man if he is *only* man. . . . Modern rationalism does not tolerate mystery . . . nor does it recognize that the full truth of man was revealed by Jesus Christ."

Regarding homosexuality and homosexual "marriages," the pope asserts that matrimony exists only between man and woman. "Other interpersonal unions cannot be marriages, which do not correspond to these conditions, even if nowadays on this point rather dangerous tendencies for the future of the family and of society are being spread."

Algeria releases two FIS leaders

The Algerian regime has released two leading members of the Islamic Salvation Front who have been imprisoned for two years. Ali Djeddi, in charge of the FIS's political relations, and Abdelkader Boukhamkham, a member of the FIS supreme council, were both serving four-year sentences. Their release is said to be part of an attempt by the government of Gen. Lamine Zeroual to establish a dialogue with the opposition.

General Zeroual, in a recent TV address, called for an unrestricted dialogue with the opposition, including the FIS. It is hoped that the release of the two leaders would lead to such a dialogue and a truce in the ongoing civil war. Five other key leaders remain imprisoned.

According to Algerian sources, the release of the two FIS members had been planned for some time, as an attempt to split the leadership. Nonetheless, it is reported that the two leaders only accepted freedom after approval from other imprisoned leaders. The question of a truce in the fighting is said not to be a decision of the FIS, but of the mujaheddin fighters whom they do not control.