

International Intelligence

Is Greenpeace planning an internal purge?

The lead article of the London *Guardian* on Sept. 14, was entitled "Fury as Greens Admit Fiasco." Greenpeace, wrote Paul Brown from Papeete, Tahiti, regards its operations in Mururoa, against the French nuclear tests, as a "campaign disaster," since the *MV Greenpeace* ship was seized, in a way that neutralized the group's maneuverability, for stopping the nuclear tests. A senior Greenpeace source insisted that its activists in that theater, will now face the equivalent of a "court martial, for disobeying orders and putting the whole mission in jeopardy."

MV Greenpeace, Brown notes, "was vital to a number of planned clandestine operations against the French. These missions, and the people involved in them, were put at much greater risk, by the loss of the ship." It was nabbed by the French when its helicopter flew repeatedly into the 12-mile exclusion zone around the Mururoa Atoll. This seizure badly undermined "the largest campaign in Greenpeace's history," Greenpeace executives are charging. "Months of planning and millions of pounds of investment were lost in a single day, when *MV Greenpeace* was seized."

Brown wrote that there had been "tensions in the organization" before the September operation.

Brazil builds up ties to Israel

Brazil is building up ties with Israel, a shift in policy from the past two decades, when relations between Israel and Brazil were tense, because of Brazil's strong ties with the Arab nations. In August, Army Minister Gen. Zenildo de Lucena paid an eight-day visit to Israel, meeting Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Defense Minister General Ivri, and visiting six Israeli arms industries. (Officials denied that any arms sales were planned.) Israel is interested in having the Brazilian Army involved in

fighting Arab terrorism in South America, according to *Correio Brasiliense* of Aug. 21.

That was followed by a visit by Brazilian Foreign Minister Luis Lampreia, the first visit to Israel by a Brazilian foreign minister in 22 years. Lampreia met with Rabin, and delivered an invitation from President Fernando Henrique Cardoso for Rabin to visit Brazil. Lampreia told the press that "the Israelis carry great weight" internationally, which could help Brazil's campaign to win a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council.

O Estado de São Paulo of Aug. 29 reported that Brazil wishes to import "the Israeli miracle," which made its desert bloom, to Brazil's drought-stricken northeast.

DPP leader calls for 'independent' Taiwan

Shih Ming-teh, chairman of the Democratic Progress Party of Taiwan and a professed admirer of Tibet's Dalai Lama, said Taiwan should become a sovereign state free from "slavery" to mainland China.

He made his statements, which serve British plans for the breakup of China, when he appeared as the Morning Newsmaker at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 14.

Shih claimed not to be worried about Chinese military exercises off the coast of Taiwan. He said China has never fought a naval war before and can't walk to Taiwan.

U.N. official frets over 'populism' in Haiti

"Populist" phrases such as "economic and social justice" are a threat to stability in Haiti, according to United Nations official Maj. John Shissler. In a memo discussing "populist" vs. "prudent" economic policy, Shissler argues that popular opposition to privatization of State-run industries, and demands for higher wages and price controls, are placing increasing pressure on the government of Jean-Bertrand Aristide. If

the government gives in to these demands, Shissler warns, this would pose a security threat to international forces in Haiti, and will also scare off potential investors and damage the economy. Should Aristide try to stay in power beyond the end of his current term, this would also constitute a "red flag to the international community," Shissler warns.

Shissler's report, a six-page "threat estimate," was issued in the midst of a public debate over economic policies dictated by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, according to wire reports. The U.S.-installed pro-terrorist President Aristide has no problem applying these free-market policies, but the U.N. is concerned that growing popular opposition could force the government to abandon them. The U.N. memo is alarmed that street demonstrations, "with economic themes," have been growing in number over the past six months, and might lead to violence.

Arrest in Honduras ties Zapatista arms to Europe

A Sept. 18 article in the Roman daily *La Repubblica*, entitled "Arms to the Zapatistas—Florentine Professor Arrested in Mexico," reports on the arrest of one Andrea Gorini, 49, of Florence, an agronomist and professor at the Faculty of Physics of Florence, who was arrested by the Honduran border police and charged with arms trafficking. In 1989, Gorini lived in Nicaragua and was involved in "Migrati," a project financed by the Italian Foreign Ministry and carried out by Project and Development, a non-governmental organization of the CGIL, the largest Italian labor confederation.

In Florence, Italian police found documents in Italian and Spanish, as well as cassettes commenting on the political and social situation in Central America, and especially leaflets on guerrilla warfare techniques, use of explosives and armed conflict, and lists with addresses and telephone numbers.

Gorini could have been used as mediator

Briefly

● **BOUTROS-GHALI'S** military adviser, Canadian Gen. Maurice Baril, has been appointed commander of the Canadian Army, the Canadian press reported Sept. 9. He spent the last three years as the U.N. secretary general's top military aide.

● **NICARAGUAN** Catholics marched in Managua on Sept. 9-10 to protest the bombings of 14 Nicaraguan churches since May, and death threats against Nicaraguan Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo. Among the 10,000 marchers was Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro.

● **THE QE2**, the British ocean liner, having sailed into the teeth of Hurricane Luis, was hit by a "freak" 95-foot wave which carried "hundreds of thousands of tons" of water. The incident occurred on Sept. 11, not far from where the unsinkable *Titanic* struck an iceberg and sank in 1912.

● **JACQUES CHIRAC**, the President of France, will be crossing the Atlantic twice before the end of the year. On Oct. 22, he will attend the 50th anniversary of the founding of the U.N. in New York. On Nov. 3, he will make a state visit, invited by President Clinton.

● **POPE JOHN PAUL II** arrived in Cameroon on Sept. 14 at the start of a week-long Africa tour which also took him to South Africa and Kenya. This was the pope's 11th visit to Africa. Nearly 100 million of Africa's 700 million population are Catholics.

● **THE WORLD WIDE** Fund for Nature (WWF) held a press conference in London Sept. 13 announcing their "save the tiger" campaign will now target Indochina's tigers in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. In a particularly warped view of history, Vietnamese conservationist Vo Quy told reporters the tiger is still paying the price of the Vietnam war, when half the forest habitat was lost to bombs, napalm, and herbicides, and the countryside remains peppered with unexploded materiel.

in arms delivery to hot spots in Central America. He was arrested with a Mexican, 28-year-old Silvia Saucedo. Among the arms he carried were 30 Kalashnikovs, four Uzi machine guns, a grenade launcher with 13 grenades, and 30 electronic detonators. The hypothesis being investigated is whether these arms were directed to the Zapatista guerrillas.

Slovakian Christian Democrat beaten

Frantisek Miklosko, the number-two man in the Slovakian Christian Democratic Party, has charged that he was beaten by hired thugs. This incident followed the recent kidnap of the son of Slovakian President Kovac. Initial reports are linking these brutal incidents to the fact that Kovac, Miklosko, and their collaborators are the biggest opponents inside Slovakia of Prime Minister Meciar, who is playing the "nationalist" card to promote his fortunes.

Interviewed by BBC on Sept. 14, Slovak Christian Democratic Party head Jan Carnogursky stopped one step short of formally blaming Meciar for these events, but strongly indicated, in response to questions, that he held Meciar responsible. Miklosko's brother, Dr. Josef Miklosko, has just completed a tour of the United States (see interview, p. 46).

LaRouche slanderers to be indicted in Spain

The two Spanish journalists who slandered Lyndon LaRouche and an associate of LaRouche's, Herbert Quinde, are to be indicted, according to *El Mundo* of Sept. 14. After 17 months of investigation, instructing magistrate Miguel Fernández de Marcos has demanded that Antonio Rubio and Manuel Cerdán post a bond of 45 million pesetas each to remain at liberty.

Three civil governors and a delegate of the government (high-ranking officials responsible for security) in the Basque Provinces, Daniel Vega, José Antonio Aguiria-

no, Cesar Milano, and José María Gurruchaga, had demanded the indictment when the two journalists wrote that the officials had received funds for their personal use from the Interior Ministry's "reserved fund."

The extent to which the two journalists are introduced into the intelligence community, is shown by the evidence they presented in their defense: They had actually met with Roldán, the fugitive head of the Civil Guard, in Paris just after he fled Spain. He gave them a letter which he had written to the prime minister of Spain, concerning the funds paid to the officials. He also allowed himself to be interviewed by them and made statements implicating the officials.

Rubio and Cerdán are appealing the decision, and have said they will go right up to the Constitutional Court.

Australian Turkish paper features LaRouche

In September, Australia's largest-circulation Turkish-language paper, *Gunes*, exposed the myth of invincibility of the Bosnian rebel Serbs. Author Con Michael elaborated on the issues affecting the Balkans, acknowledging the crucial role that was played by "American economist Lyndon LaRouche, his wife Helga, and the LaRouche movement internationally, [who] have been in the forefront of efforts to stop the genocide and to bring its British authors to account."

The author gave a succinct history of the Balkans genocide, implicating George Bush, Margaret Thatcher, and British intelligence MI-6 in organizing the conflict.

Gunes also reprinted a translation of the article "The Berlin-Baghdad Railroad, Britain, Serbia and World War I," by Umberto Pascali, which appeared in the U.S. newspaper *New Federalist*, which is close to LaRouche. *Gunes*, based in Melbourne, is financed by a multicultural grant and is sometimes used by the World Jewish Congress in Australia, whose leaders are very hostile to LaRouche.