

were seen in Paris. "The threat is very real," said an observer. "Shi'ite fanatics have discovered that with one man and a truck they can kill as many as 100 or 200 civilians or military personnel."

The danger is aggravated by a large number of U.S. military installations, and private buildings of American military personnel are difficult to protect. Adding to the security problems are the political dealings of West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher with the Iranian and the Syrian regimes, and the unwillingness of one faction in the West German police force to take effective action against the terrorist operations.

The center of Iranian operations in Europe has been identified as a diplomatic building in the Marienburg quarter of Cologne, at Parkstr. 5. But to date, little has been attempted to even curtail the activities at that center. Without a determined intervention by the Americans and French on the West German government, there is little chance that the Iranian terrorists will be stopped before they commit an atrocity.

Increasing the Iranian ability to move as "fish in the water" are reports that significant portions of the Green/Peace movement, under the influence of Libya's Muammar Qaddafi, have actually converted to Islam, creating "Islamic communes" throughout West Germany. One of the most notorious Islamic converts is Quera Quemse, a Swedish Greenie who has been for years acting as the key liaison between the West Germans and Qaddafi, organizing regular visits to Libya.

Ahmed Huber, a Swiss Nazi convert to Islam, identified in *EIR* last week as a planner of terrorist operations, told a journalist on Oct. 24, one day after the Geneva conference, that Paris, New York, and Washington would be the next targets. On Nov. 7, a large bomb exploded in the U.S. Senate Building on Capitol Hill, claimed as the act of the "Committee against American interventions in Granada and Lebanon." On the same day, Huber told another caller that "Mr. Reagan will still have big problems . . . if he survives." Asked what he meant, Huber said, "There are many people; we have decided we will get rid of them."

The threats were repeated on Nov. 8, when Huber spoke to another journalist who made the statements available to *EIR*. "Judaism and Christianity are the deadly enemies of Islam. Wherever there is an American and a Jew, Islam will strike!... There will be a final solution, I can assure you; [but] this time there will be no war criminal trials."

Huber has been for years a key element in what is known as the Bulgarian connection through his association with Hans-Albert Kunz, a Zurich-based arms dealer in the Propaganda-2 networks and his arms deals with Sadegh Tabatabai, whom Genscher got out of Germany just as a warrant was issued for his arrest on heroin-trafficking charges. Just before the Geneva gathering, Abu Nidal visited East Germany and then went to Bulgaria. High-ranking officers of the Bulgarian secret services were seen arriving in Beirut days before the bombings.

Soviet marshals have

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When, for the first time in the 66 years since the Bolshevik Revolution, the head of the Communist Party failed to appear in Red Square for the Nov. 7 revolutionary anniversary celebration, Yuri Andropov's absence was symbolic of more than his failing health and the possible end of his rule. It reflected a shift in Soviet society that has become more visible during Andropov's one year in power.

The military is now running the Soviet Union. Soviet marshals (four new ones were named in March) are making themselves seen and heard as they never did under Leonid Brezhnev, especially since Sept. 1, when the military shot down Korean Air Lines Flight 007, sending 269 civilians to their death. Apart from the vicissitudes of party life, the U.S.S.R. is on a war footing, and the marshals are calling the shots in Moscow's all-out effort to wreck the Reagan administration and break up NATO.

The 12 months since Brezhnev died totally belie the propaganda image of Yuri Andropov as a would-be "liberalizer" of the U.S.S.R.: They revealed instead a dangerous Soviet Union whose internal life features a rampant Russian chauvinist revival, and whose attitude to the rest of the world mimics the ideology of Tsarist imperialism—the belief that Moscow is destined to rule the world as the "Third and Final Rome."

Documents on beams

The test point at which Andropov's "liberal" facade disintegrated was March 23, 1983, when President Reagan committed the United States to build anti-missile strategic defensive weapons and thereby opened up the prospect of a long-term economic revival as well. From the moment Andropov answered that speech with an hysterical tirade, ignoring the U.S. offer for joint or parallel development of this capability,

taken control of policy

the military moved forward with its pre-war marching orders.

The United States now possesses hard documentation that the Soviet Union has been involved in an intensive effort directed toward the early deployment of beam-weapon systems. This documentation is in the form of hard-copy communiqués captured in Grenada, the content of which has been leaked to *EIR*. There is a fight within the administration as to whether to release these documents to the public; the State Department is said to be lobbying to suppress them.

According to U.S. intelligence sources with access to the captured documents, the Soviets specifically state that they fear the U.S. beam program because it would jeopardize Soviet superiority in this area.

With these documents in its possession, the administration is now in a position to defeat the critics of the beam policy who recycle Moscow's lies that the Soviets are not pursuing such a program. It also provides the ammunition to educate the population about the "peace-loving" Soviets.

For the Soviet command, confidently pursuing its own antiballistic beam-weapons program for two decades with the assurances of Henry Kissinger that the United States would not launch one, Reagan's move was a drastic shock. Rumor has it that Moscow's expert on U.S. affairs, Georgii Arbatov, is feeling the effects of miscalculation.

The marshals come forward

Andropov was last seen by Western eyes and shown in the press in mid-August, although his statements keep appearing in the Soviet papers. With Andropov absent, speculation about a successor focuses on younger Politburo members, former Leningrad party chief Grigorii Romanov and First Deputy Prime Minister Geidar Aliyev, the Azerbaijani Muslim. The machinery has also been set in motion for a top-

to-bottom purge of the party, during meetings at the local, regional, and republic level slated for the next two months.

At the center of the Red Square line-up on Nov. 7 was Defense Minister Marshal D. F. Ustinov. Chief of Staff Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov and his deputy, Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, appeared in unprecedented press conferences in Moscow in September, Ogarkov to justify the KAL shooting and Akhromeyev—stepping beyond the bounds of the strictly military—to lay down the line on the imminent installation of U.S. Pershing rockets in Europe.

Politburo member Gregorii Romanov expounded the same line, the military's line, in the summary policy speech he delivered at the Revolution Day eve ceremony in the Kremlin Nov. 5. Calling the international situation the tensest since World War II, Romanov warned, "If the U.S. starts deploying the new missiles in Western Europe, the Soviet Union will not sit idly by. Retaliatory measures . . . will follow inevitably. . . . Preparatory work for the deployment of operational tactical missile complexes on the territory of [East Germany and Czechoslovakia] is starting. There will be other steps, too."

In October, the Warsaw Pact worked out details of this impending crisis in Europe. The foreign ministers and the defense ministers met and announced new short-range missile emplacements in Eastern Europe; the most telling signal was a leak to Agence France Presse about a meeting that did not occur—a rumored political summit of the Warsaw Pact members' ruling parties. On Oct. 26 the proverbial "informed Soviet source" told the French agency that "the Soviet leadership decided that the summit . . . would serve no purpose. . . . The threat posed by the U.S. missiles was so great that a Warsaw Pact meeting would not be adequate to deal with it." Instead, the next meeting to take place was the annual session of the Warsaw Pact Defense Council to make final arrangements for the Eastern missile deployments.

A keynote for the Andropov year was given in June by one of the most sinister figures of the Soviet elite, Gen. Aleksei Yepishev. Chief political commissar in the armed forces, aide to the cutthroat Lavrentii Beria (the last head of the KGB under Stalin), reputed Russian chauvinist, anti-Semite, and anti-Westerner, Yepishev declared in the army paper *Krasnaya Zvezda* that the time ahead "will bring substantial changes to the political and ideological superstructure and spiritual life."

On Sept. 8, Army General I. N. Shkadov, a deputy defense minister, pronounced another watchword for Andropov's year: military *yedinonachaliye*, "one-man command." In Soviet usage, the term refers precisely to a military officer's having the last word that may not be countermanded by his political commissar or anybody else. In his Sept. 8 article in *Krasnaya Zvezda*, Shkadov said that this principle was more important today than ever: "The sole commander's role, importance and responsibility are . . . increasing today as a result of profound changes in the nature of modern combat."