

# International Intelligence

## **Soviet buildup in Afghanistan**

The Soviets have introduced surface-to-air missiles in Afghanistan, according to the Soviet military newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* (*Red Star*) Jan. 2. Western military experts are asking why the Soviets are deploying rockets which could have no military use in a protracted guerrilla war. The question points to the fact that the Soviets are using the Afghan theatre to train their own and satellite-nation forces and as a sociological laboratory.

The same day the Soviets announced the rocket deployments the Kabul government issued an order for all eligible men to sign up for military service by March 31 or face imprisonment. Since the Soviet invasion four years ago, troop levels have dropped 50 per cent due to battle losses and defections.

Soviet Ethnography Institute head Julian Bromley defended the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in a report in *Pravda* on the Sixth World Congress of Anthropologists and Ethnologists in Vancouver, Canada. Aborigines had been the victims of "imperialist looting," declared Bromley, and called Soviet treatment of the Afghan tribes "progressive." In the last four years, 700,000 to 1 million Afghan lives have been lost, and another half million have become refugees.

## **LaRouche on Israel's policy toward Arafat**

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, Jr. issued a statement on Dec. 26, "U.S. Policy on Lebanon," which said, in part:

"After Israel had generously and wisely exchanged prisoners with Al-Fatah Commander Yassir Arafat, Israeli policy toward Arafat took another about-face. . . .

"As the Israeli intelligence services know, today's international terrorism . . . is organized around the continuing Nazi International, presently allied with the Soviet KGB. . . . The most conspicuous feature of

post-war Nazi development is the heavy and growing emphasis on "Islamic cover." . . . This Soviet-Nazi interface in international terrorism is a very substantial asset of the Soviet leadership's escalation of global thermonuclear confrontation with the United States. . . . What threats to Israel's existence arise during the early future, will be determined by the outcome of the Soviet-Nazi alliance against the United States. . . .

"Mr. Arafat is the established and beloved leader of what is in fact a government-in-exile of the Palestinian Arabs. . . . If we are going to deal successfully with the Palestinian Arab people, it is with Mr. Arafat's leadership that we must deal. . . .

"The situation is now complicated by the insurrection against Mr. Arafat's de facto government-in-exile. . . . steered from outside by an assortment of forces including the Soviet government, by the Soviets' Nazi International accomplices, and by Syrian agencies owned or rented by the Soviet government. . . .

"We appear to have two Palestinian governments-in-exile, the popularly based leadership of Mr. Arafat and that of his opponents. . . . Strategically, we have no choice but to prefer Mr. Arafat. . . .

"Israel's choice is elementary: work with responsible middle parties to establish a kind of détente, at least, with Arafat's forces. There is a price, of course. Mr. Arafat . . . is in no position to conclude bargains unless his own credibility as a Palestinian leader is enhanced. . . . If Israel lacks adequate means to deliver the full price, the United States should make up the difference. . . . It is better to have a friend who is allied with us on account of his own principled self-interests than a mere "agent of influence."

"The time is overdue to take some generous action toward the Palestinian Arabs. . . . If some way could be found to help relieve their condition now . . . it is an action fit to spark new optimism throughout the Middle East. . . ."

On Dec. 30, Mr. LaRouche followed with a statement entitled: "U.S. Policy Towards Israel: A Much-Needed Shift in Emphasis," stressing that "The sometimes disgusting, and sometimes immediately self-defeating feature of recent decades' U.S.

policy toward Israel, is that Washington's visible policy-thinking degrades Israel to the status of a restive, and often troublesome Anglo-American 'agent of influence.' "

## **Islamo-Nazi-Communist Christmas in Vienna**

Christmastime in Vienna was the occasion for some peculiar behavior.

As the holiday began, former Chancellor Bruno Kreisky took a sudden trip to Libya to meet Col. Muammar Qaddafi, according to the Dec. 27 *Weisbadener Kurier*. What Kreisky was up to is not yet known, but he has been for the past two years the intermediary in the alliances between the Green movement and Socialist International and the Libyan terrorist controllers.

In Vienna itself, reported the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* Dec. 27, a high-level Iranian government "economic delegation" arrived in the Austrian capital for "talks of a political nature." *FAZ* notes that Austrian-Iranian commercial ties have more than doubled in past year.

In the meetings that began as the Christmas weekend ended, the Austrian government agreed not only to build large-scale power plants in Iran, but also to build warehouse depots in Austria for Iranian trucks that are travelling into Europe. This is an extraordinary gesture in view of the Khomeinac "kamikaze" truck-bomb terrorism capability.

## **Economic motives for Nigerian coup**

The civilian government of Nigerian President Shehu Shagari was toppled by a well-organized, nearly bloodless military coup Dec. 31. Shagari has been arrested, and a 19-member Supreme Military Council headed by Major Gen. Mohammed Buhari is now running the country. Shagari had just been elected to a second four-year term last August, after becoming the head of the first civilian government in Nigeria in 13 years in October 1979.

Buhari cited corruption and economic mismanagement as the reason for the coup. Nigeria had reserves of \$7-\$8 billion in 1979. Since then, the world economic crisis has eliminated the reserves. The Shagari government was trying to reschedule its debt, which had grown to \$14 billion, according to unofficial estimates. Nigeria, dependent on oil sales for over 90 percent of its foreign exchange, had an oil income last year less than one-half of that of 1980.

Rescheduling and other economic assistance were being made conditional on Nigeria reaching agreement with the IMF, which was demanding strict austerity conditions and devaluation. Washington sources indicated that Shagari had basically agreed to go along with IMF conditionalities, which would have had disastrous consequences for the Nigerian economy. The coup is being called "the IMF revolution."

### ***Did Soviets sack NATO Bundeswehr general?***

West German Defense Minister Manfred Woerner handed Gen. Günther Kiessling early dismissal papers on Dec. 30, removing General Kiessling from his post at NATO headquarters as deputy to Gen. Bernard Rogers, Supreme Commander of NATO. General Kiessling was one of three four-star generals of the West German Army (Bundeswehr), and would have retired in April 1984.

There is every indication that General Kiessling belongs to those traditionalist currents in the West German military who were targeted by the Soviet Army newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda's* Dec. 3 article smearing the Bundeswehr as the scene of a "Prussian-Hitlerian revival." It is also known that General Kiessling had sought out leading general staff officers who are advocates of beam-weapon defense of Western Europe, for briefings and discussion of President Reagan's "Mutually Assured Survival" strategy.

EIR is currently investigating the possibility that the dismissal has its origin in circles around the new General Secretary of NATO, Peter Carrington, and West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

### ***Soviets on both sides of Peruvian fence***

The Soviet Union, while equipping the Peruvian army, is giving propaganda support—at least—to the Sendero Luminoso guerillas, according to the West German daily *Die Welt* Jan. 4. The Sendero Luminoso have been murdering government and military officials and sabotaging the Peruvian economy for the past decade.

Soviet military contacts with Peru date from the regime of President Juan Velasco Alvarado (1968-75). The Peruvian army is equipped with Soviet tanks, missiles, and airplanes, and recently the military ordered modern MI-24 combat helicopters, which the Soviets are mass-producing for themselves. Peruvian army officers are also being trained in the U.S.S.R.

Radio Moscow has been broadcasting to the Andean provinces of Ayachucho and others in the Qechua Indian language, calling on the Indians to rise up in a "people's war" against the government. Ayachucho is the stronghold of the Sendero Luminosos.

### ***Tunisia wracked by IMF conditionalities***

Tunisia, which had been one of the last African countries to resist IMF austerity demands, has been forced to give in to conditionalities which include the possible elimination of the government-sponsored subsidies of the price of bread. Bread prices have already risen 120 percent. With at least 25 people dead in riots that broke out after the bread price increases took effect, the government has declared a state of emergency.

The Tunisian government has blamed "uncontrollable elements" for the rioting, without naming Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi, who has long been attempting to destabilize Tunisia. The town of Gafsa, torn by riots, was the target of a raid by Libyan-backed terrorists three years ago. In January 1978, Tunis was the scene of riots which the government claimed were provoked by pro-Qaddafi former foreign minister Masmoudi.

## *Briefly*

● **NEO-NAZI PROPAGANDA** is being brought into Israel by some Soviet emigrés to Israel, according to an article in the Histadrut labor confederation newspaper *Davar* by a prominent Hebrew University Sovietologist.

● **DIN NO LIEM**, the Vietnamese ambassador in Moscow, presented Soviet Defense Minister Ustinov with the Ho Chi Minh order on Dec. 21 for his services in strengthening friendship and cooperation between the two countries. On Dec. 22, Soviet Chief of Staff Marshal Ogarkov, Warsaw Pact Chief Commander Marshal Kulikov, First Deputy Defense Minister Marshal Sokolov, Chief Political Administrator General Yepishev, Anti-Air Defense Chief Marshal Koldunov and Chief of the Soviet Navy Admiral Gorshkov were decorated with the Order for Military Services, First Degree.

● **IORELLA OPERTO**, general secretary of the European Labor Party in Italy (POE) and a political collaborator of Lyndon LaRouche, was the object Jan. 2 of a suspected assassination attempt simulated as a car accident. Only the prompt intervention of a colleague crossing the street with her, who pulled her out of the path of a careening Fiat 127, which continued to pursue her, prevented Mrs. Operto's being run over.

● **THE SWISS ELITES** are said to be in an uproar over exposés in *Le Monde* and *Stern* linking Nazi International financier François Genoud to master terrorist "Carlos." Swiss judges handling Genoud's complaint against French journalists have reportedly been ordered to "teach the French a lesson."