

# International Intelligence

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## German cites need for recovery to get SDI

"There is an obvious linkage between the kind of SDI cooperation we are working for, and the total economic parameters," said a consultant to the West German government's interministerial group on the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative. The group had just been briefed by SDI director Lt.-Gen. James Abrahamson.

He stressed that without a real economic change for the better, the current government won't survive, which would probably mean that the SDI won't happen in Germany.

"Negatively, this government is being blow out of the water by the opposition on the economy, and if that happens, no SDI here. We are striving for cooperation in the SDI in dimensions that are almost a dream.

"But a government's life is conditioned by things far more banal: unemployment, steel-war, food-production cuts. Sure: I know these things are banal, and SDI is more important. But if we can't embed SDI in an economic strategy fast, we are going to lose . . . fast."

Because of Germany's high unemployed and otherwise failing economic health, the Christian Democrats of Chancellor Helmut Kohl have been losing badly in state elections to the opposition Social Democrats.

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## Wilson has high praise for Gorbachov

Former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson had nothing but praise for Mikhail Gorbachov in a speech at American University at the end of March.

Wilson, who reportedly belongs to the same Soviet-controlled "Homintern" as Henry Kissinger (see page 59), said he dined with Gorbachov in London last December.

"I was extremely impressed. Gorbachov is a young man. If he's only given his head, then I think prospects for better East-West

relations are good."

Asked how he squared that assessment with the murder of Maj. Arthur D. Nicholson by a Soviet sentry in East Germany under clear orders from a commanding officer, Wilson replied:

"Maybe the shooting was an accident. Maybe the [Soviet] soldier was drunk. The important thing is that the United States and the Soviets are sitting down and talking at Geneva."

Wilson said that he couldn't comment on the Strategic Defense Initiative, the U.S. program for a beam-weapon defense program which is the overriding issue in East-West relations and, for that matter, West-West relations. "I don't know enough about it."

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## Thaw under way between Moscow and Peking?

Senior Japanese intelligence analysts report that a shift is under way in China in the direction of closer coordination with the Soviet Union. This shift is reflected in the meeting of the Soviet Politburo on Thursday, March 28, which discussed improving ties to China.

The Chinese leadership quickly responded to the assumption of Soviet party leadership by Mikhail Gorbachov. Amid praise in the Chinese press of his "new leadership style," Peking sent vice-premier Li Peng, a Chinese Communist Party Central Committee member, to meet with Gorbachov after the funeral of Konstantin Chernenko, the first such high-level encounter in 20 years.

Even more "sensational," as some press have stated, is that Li Peng brought with him "cordial congratulations and best wishes" from Chinese party chief Hu Yaobang. Gorbachev warmly returned the message. Such an exchange has not occurred since party relations were frozen in 1963.

In other developments:

- Peking announced that it will send a vice-premier to Moscow in June to sign a trade accord for the years 1986-1990. West

Germany's *Neue Zuercher Zeitung* points out that this means a de facto synchronization of the Chinese economy with the Comecon five-year plans.

- At the beginning of March, a delegation of the People's Congress was in Moscow to establish official relations with the Soviet parliament, the Supreme Soviet.

- On April 9, the sixth round of Soviet-Chinese normalization talks will open in Moscow.

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## SDI is suddenly hot issue in Canada

"The Strategic Defense Initiative has become *the* hot issue in Canada," an insider in Ottawa reported recently.

"President Reagan shocked everybody when he was here last weekend by unexpectedly offering Canada a role in development of the SDI. The major newspapers are all against it, the Liberal Party executive is against it.

But since that time, our defense minister has been saying that if the SDI's economic spinoffs give us jobs in high technology, then let's go with it! Our defense minister is saying something like that Canada must get into the economic spinoffs. Canada was offered a role in this at the recent Quebec summit. Reagan suddenly made an offer that was not expected that Canada should take part in the R&D."

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## Burt runs cover for Greece's Papandreou

Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs Richard Burt appeared at Senate hearings on March 21 to defend administration aid requests for Greece and Turkey.

He whitewashed the pro-Soviet Socialist government of Andreas Papandreou in Athens. "I don't have the slightest idea" why Papandreou does the things he does, Burt claimed.

Papandreou, the virtual puppet of Soviet

ambassador Igor Andropov, son of the late Soviet leader, is rapidly taking Greece out of NATO and into the Soviet sphere of influence. Recently, he announced that official Greek defense doctrine now recognizes no threat whatsoever from the Soviet bloc nations, and that therefore, the armed forces of Greece were oriented strictly toward the West—i.e., the only threat to Greece stems from fellow NATO member Turkey.

Questioned on U.S. strategic allies in the eastern Mediterranean, Burt mentioned Israel and Turkey, but pointedly omitted Egypt. The U.S. State Department's policy, expressed in the cold shoulder given visiting President Hosni Mubarak March 12, is being read in Tripoli and Moscow as a green light for a Qaddafi-inspired destabilization of Egypt.

Burt is now considered the leading contender to replace Arthur Burns as ambassador to the United States' most important ally, West Germany. Perhaps he has "no idea" why such Soviet agents of influence as Willy Brandt "do what they do"?

### ***Labor Party officially registered in Sweden***

On March 25, the Chairman of the European Labor Party (ELP) in Sweden, Kerstin Tegin-Gaddy, announced that she had received official documents from the National Tax Board stating that the ELP has been acknowledged as a registered political party.

Back on Feb. 15, Mrs. Tegin-Gaddy hand-delivered a list of 1,850 individuals who were applying for registration in the party.

The organization has been in existence for years, but this is its first official recognition as a party in Sweden. "This step forward in building the ELP of Sweden is a victory for the Western Alliance," stated Mrs. Tegin-Gaddy at a March 28 press conference in Stockholm. "The ELP is the only national party in Sweden that is officially campaigning for Sweden to join NATO."

"This," the party leader continued, "is to break with 40 years of sham 'neutrality'

that has only brought Sweden closer and closer to the Soviet Union, a Finlandization process that the present treacherous prime minister, Olof Palme, is about to complete."

Mrs. Tegin-Gaddy declared that she and her party would enter upcoming national election precisely on the issue of Sweden's NATO membership, as well as support for the Strategic Defense Initiative of President Reagan.

### ***Hawkins threatens Bolivia with cut-off of aid***

"We are here to tell Bolivia, that's it. No more. This nonsense stops now, right here and right now. We will no longer stand for this," Senator Paula Hawkins declared as she announced that she was introducing legislation "cutting off all U.S. aid" to Bolivia.

She demanded that the Bolivian government reduce the cocaine coming from that country into the United States—over which the Bolivian government has no control—by 10% as a demonstration of political good will!

Hawkins, who chairs a Senate subcommittee on drug abuse and enforcement, declared that Bolivia had flooded the United States with 49,200 metric tons of cocaine in 1984.

Bolivia is the poorest nation on the South American continent, with levels of poverty only seen in the Sahara. 80% of the population earns less than the minimum wage of 30 U.S. dollars per month. Life expectancy is the lowest on the continent at 47 years.

With \$3.8 billion in foreign debt, the Bolivian government declared the nation in default last year, and has constantly been threatened with overthrow by the drug-mafia linked elements of its military.

The cutoff of U.S. aid threatened by Hawkins would be worse than savage in its consequences, and have results opposite to those she purports: the overthrow of the tottering democratic government of President Hernán Siles Zuazo and the return of the country to the power-hungry "cocaine colonels" whom Siles has consistently opposed.

## ***Briefly***

● **POPE JOHN PAUL II**, speaking to the youth of a Roman parish on March 22, raised his voice to denounce the mistakes of so-called "pacifism," saying that such movements are "partial, confused," and that real peace can "never be separated from social justice."

● **CASPAR WEINBERGER**, when asked why he did not invite participation in the Strategic Defense Initiative by the government of New Zealand, which recently refused port-of-call rights to U.S. nuclear ships, answered: "We couldn't find their address."

● **SOVIET TV**, following news coverage blaming the U.S.A. for the shooting of Major Nicholson, presented Part 3 of the 15-part TV film series: "Strategy Of Victory." Part 3 is titled, "Victory of the High Command," and focused on the World War II roles of the Stavka, Marshal Zhukov (Ogarkov's forerunner)—and Josef Stalin.

● **ALL AMBASSADORS** of the United States in the Middle East were recently in Washington for a State Department meeting on operational procedures, global economic policy, and security. But the State Department insists that this is just a standard meeting held "every few years." No one quite remembers the last one, though it's thought to have occurred in late 1978. Well, that would have been the launching of the infamous "Islamic Card" of Bernard Lewis and the Carter administration that brought us the mass murderer Khomeini. Let's hope this one discusses a change in policy lines.

● **SECRET** negotiations are now going on to end the Gulf War, according to an intelligence source. The Khomeini regime, however, seems to want unconditional surrender from the Western world: guarantees that the young Shah will never come back to Iran, and the immediate removal of Iraq's Saddam Hussein.