

International Intelligence

Thatcher, Lee feared on 'Zia' hit list

Following the assassination of Pakistan's General Zia-ul Haq, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Singapore Premier Lee Kuan Yew are considered to be very high on the list of potential assassination targets of the Soviet or Soviet-linked intelligence services, a British military source told *EIR*.

Mrs. Thatcher has been outspoken in her opposition to the "Europe 1992" scheme. Under a "law" passed by the European Commission of the European Community, in that year, the continent is to be virtually united and the sovereignty of the 12 member-nations eliminated. The "Single Europe 1992" act, more than one observer has noted, would be but a prelude to the economic integration of Western Europe with the Soviet bloc, and the transformation of the continent into a "Soviet protectorate."

Lee Kuan Yew, unlike Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos before him, reacted swiftly and decisively to U.S. State Department meddling in his city-state's internal affairs, expelling a U.S. diplomat and deriding the United States for willfully fostering opposition to his government.

EIR's British source, accordingly, said that Thatcher and Lee are considered obstacles to both the Russians and those in the West who support a global-condominium power-sharing arrangement between the superpowers.

Ask world support against Russian anti-Semites

Soviet Jewish leaders have called upon the world to support their effort to force the Kremlin to ban the anti-Semitic, Russian chauvinist group called *Pamyat* (Fatherland).

According to a front-page *Jerusalem Post* article datelined London Aug. 24, the appeal follows the arrest in mid-August of a Leningrad Jew, Aleksander Bogdanov, who carried out a protest at a public meeting of

Pamyat in that city. Jewish activist Vladimir Kislik told the *Post*, "Jews everywhere must confront this pernicious and dangerous development head on."

In London Aug. 23, the *Post* reports, historian Dr. Schneier Levenberg called on both Israeli and diaspora Jewish leaders to bombard Soviet diplomatic missions and the press with anti-*Pamyat* protests. "The Soviets are highly sensitive to this sort of pressure, and if they are embarrassed sufficiently, they will have to act," he stated.

German figure worries about Gorbachov's future

The leader of West Germany's Christian Social Union party, the publicity-loving Franz-Josef Strauss, dropped a note of worry concerning Mikhail Gorbachov's future in an Aug. 29 interview with *Die Welt*. Strauss emphasized that the economic catastrophe in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union is creating "immeasurable problems" for the Soviet party general secretary.

"Poland is economically bankrupt. In Czechoslovakia, the scope of the economic disaster cries out to the heavens. Romania is bankrupt. In the Soviet Union and in these countries, the people are waiting for the shelves to fill. They hear words, but see no positive results. We wish Gorbachov success, but we must not overlook his immeasurable problems."

Strauss was asked whether the Brezhnev Doctrine has been dropped under Gorbachov. Under that so-called doctrine, where "socialism" is threatened, Russia will intervene militarily to save it.

Strauss replied, "If in Poland today, it came to the scope of a revolutionary overthrow, then the great power would again be faced with the considerations of 1968 [the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia]: the dissolution of the imperium and the downfall of communism, or military intervention—with the automatic collapse of détente and the loss of personal respect for Gorbachov as the consequences."

Strauss disclosed that Chancellor Helmut Kohl is considering offering Romania a

package deal, whereby West Germany would pay DM 1 billion for the emigration of the entire remaining German minority inside the country. During the 1980s, Bonn has been paying an average of DM 11,000 per head for Romanian Germans, some 12-15,000 of whom arrive in West Germany each year.

Savimbi 'sold out by his friends'

In the view of sources in the South African military, Jonas Savimbi and his UNITA guerrilla opposition force in Angola have been "sold out by his friends" as a result of the U.S./Soviet-administered accord on the region between Angola, Cuba, and South Africa.

Savimbi's forces had been more than holding their own against 50,000 Cuban troops and the regular Angolan army, complete with Soviet advisers, but that depended on South African forces' presence in southern Angola. According to several military sources in Windhoek, Savimbi and UNITA are now in a very dangerous position, brought on by the withdrawal of all South African troops from southern Angola, ahead of schedule. This has enabled pro-Soviet SWAPO guerrillas to once again move into positions along the Angola-Namibia border. Cuban troops and military equipment continue to be moved into an area just north of the main base of UNITA operations. Within weeks, Savimbi and UNITA will be sandwiched between the Cuban and SWAPO forces.

In response to this threat, UNITA is reportedly about to abandon its stronghold in the southeast of Angola near Jamba, and is preparing to regroup in the north of the country near the border with Zaire. In the period of redeployment, UNITA will be most vulnerable to beefed-up Cuban forces.

Even if UNITA survives this forced march, the regional accords cut off Savimbi from his South African support, placing him in a position of much greater dependence on Washington.

Regional sources believe that this is one key objective of State Department negotia-

tors, who would formally sell out Savimbi and UNITA in the course of a second phase of regional arrangements.

Singapore throws out two journalists

Singapore formally expelled one reporter for the *Asian Wall Street Journal* and refused to allow another journalist to enter the country on Aug. 25. The second reporter works for the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, which is being sued by Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew for libel.

According to Thailand's English-language daily, *The Nation*, the *Journal* and the *Review* "are among four foreign publications whose circulation has been curtailed in Singapore in response to their refusal to allow the government full right of reply to articles they carry.

The Nation also notes that the expulsion of the journalists—the government gave only technical reasons—comes shortly before general elections in Singapore, scheduled for Sept. 3. In June, Singapore expelled a U.S. diplomat for promoting opposition to the government.

Pope expresses support for Polish struggle

Pope John Paul II, the Polish-born Karol Wojtyla, has issued a strong expression of support for the struggle of the Polish people against their Russian puppet-government and its imperial looting policies, in the form of a prayer to the Lady of Jasna Gora.

To Russian ears, the prayer must sound like a declaration of war.

The Pope's words: "We thank You, for You, earnest Mother . . . always helped us toward the path of Truth and Good, making the souls of the daughters and sons of our people ready for generous acts and sacrifices, that often required great heroism. We thank You for all the moral victories, for the liberation, 70 years ago, from the secular

foreign domination and for the Miracle of the Vistola, for independence, for all that demonstrates the fact that as a society, we want to live alone and alone manage our lives, evolve and not degenerate, in the ways of social progress. We know that a State can be truly sovereign only when it is based on the sovereignty of the society, of the nation, creating for this the adequate conditions. In the State cannot be sovereign only one group or only one party at the expense of all the people and of their rights. In this moment in history, when the experience of the entire postwar period has made us more aware of this fact, help us, Lady of Jasna Gora, to confront the responsibilities that this awareness confronts us with. Lead us on the path of faith, of love for the Fatherland, of solidarity and strength. On the thousandth anniversary of Baptism, we entrust to you 'all that constitutes Poland.' Today, we renew that act of entrustment, our Votes of Jasna Gora."

Police are against 'Europe 1992'

The International Union of Police Federations, which represents 500,000 officers in 17 European countries, voted on Aug. 24 at its annual executive meeting in London to oppose the planned dismantling of European Community boundaries in 1992, out of fear that this would lead to an increase in crime, terrorism, and drug trafficking.

Peter Tanner, president of the union and secretary of the Police Federation of England and Wales, charged, "Governments seem more interested in financial matters such as trade than in professional security matters. . . . As professional police officers, we fear there will be considerable police problems in 1992. We believe that it is important now to have international cooperation for the control of matters such as drugs and terrorism and the movement of criminals across borders. We are making a protest that the necessary controls and cooperation have not been instigated."

The resolution against the relaxation of EC frontiers passed by one vote.

Briefly

● **TARTUS, SYRIA** will be the site of a new home for the Soviet naval fleet operating in the Mediterranean. The Soviets are expanding their only base in the area, at Tartus, to acquire dramatic new military capabilities in the Middle East and Southern Europe, according to the White House. National Security Agency director Rear Adm. William Studeman told the U.S. Congress, "This will obviate the necessity of frequent naval transits to home ports in the Black Sea."

● **SOUTH AFRICA'S** parliament has been plunged into crisis by the P. W. Botha government's determination to press ahead with plans to crack down on blacks living illegally in white areas. Almost half of the 308 members of parliament are boycotting some debates in protest over the crackdown.

● **THE INDIAN ARMY** has been deployed to the states of Bihar and Assam, where flooding in the wake of heavy monsoon rains has cut almost all communications. Recent reports say 31 more people have perished in the floods, bringing the toll to over 800 in northwest India. In Uttar Pradesh, 18 fresh casualties were reported Aug. 29. A population of over 7.7 million has been affected.

● **PRAVDA**, in a full-page propaganda blast against Western foes of appeasement on Aug. 29, blamed the U.S. for the Cold War and charged that "some are fighting for a second edition" of it. The article used excerpts from declassified postwar U.S. documents to make its case.

● **THREE TO FIVE** million Ibero-American children have AIDS, the new director of the Inter-American Institute for Children, Costa Rican Eugenia María Zamora Chavarría, reported in Washington Aug. 26. These figures are "really horrifying," she stated, when considered in light of the continent-wide problem of abandoned children who live in the street.