

International Intelligence

Will France be ruled by decree?

French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy warned the National Assembly Oct. 12 that he may "demand exceptional means from Parliament" with which to carry out "rapid and decisive action" against unemployment. After officially raising the possibility of invoking the rarely used Article 30 of the Constitution, Mauroy tried to backtrack by stating that he was just seeking to institute a battery of legislative measures enabling him to force the public sector to adopt his pet work-sharing schemes, known as "solidarity contracts."

President François Mitterrand himself warned during a visit to the Lorraine region that "there will be no witch-hunts, but the witches must not come after us." In Mitterrand's dictionary, a witch is defined as anyone who opposes the programs he is seeking to impose in France.

Minister of the Interior Gaston Defferre meanwhile railed against the Senate, the only legislative body not controlled by the Socialists, which is in no hurry to rule on his proposals for so-called decentralization. Defferre has declared that "if the Senate continues to oppose putting the decentralization law on the agenda, I will ask the executive to set this agenda by fiat."

Threats made against anti-Zia editor

Several times over the past three weeks the life of Bashir Riaz, editor of the London based Pakistani paper *Mussawat* has been threatened. Mr. Riaz is an outspoken opponent of Pakistani dictator Gen. Ziaul Haq and it is believed that his role in exposing the political and personal corruption of the junta has resulted in threats to himself and his family.

Dirty tricks by the Pakistani embassy in London during the past year have resulted in intense financial warfare against *Mussawat*. The newspaper was

closed down by these forces during 1980 and reopened by Mr. Riaz in 1981.

Since March, *Mussawat* has been in the forefront of exposing drug smuggling activities by individuals close to Gen. Ziaul Haq. The paper's exposés of Muslim Brotherhood operations in several Middle East countries have proved embarrassing to the Pakistani junta, and it is believed that the current pressures against Mr. Riaz are an effort to force him to end publication of his newspaper.

Mr. Riaz was one of a handful of Pakistanis who waged a tireless campaign to save the life of the late Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Canadian government releases Piperno

Italian Red Brigades leader Francesco Piperno was ordered released on bail Oct. 14 despite protests from Italian government representatives seeking to extradite him to Italy. Piperno, wanted on charges of gun smuggling in connection with the 1978 Aldo Moro kidnaping and assassination, had entered Canada legally in mid-August and was only reluctantly apprehended by Canadian authorities in mid-September after the Italian government discovered that he was safehoused there.

Quebec Provincial Superior Court Justice Jean-Guy Boilard justified Piperno's release on \$50,000 bail on the grounds that the Italian government had engaged in "unreasonable and unjustified delays" in presenting documents arguing for Piperno's extradition. Boilard made this decision even though the RCMP admits Piperno will probably use his release to attempt to flee to France, which has already agreed to accept him. Boilard's arguments were assisted by comments from PSI leader Giacomo Mancini that the Italian government's attempts to extradite Piperno were political and "not founded in fact," comments circulated in the newspaper *Corriere Canadese*.

Arrangements have been made for

Piperno to stay at the home of Marta Aragon in Montreal. According to the RCMP, if the extradition hearings stretch beyond Nov. 12, Piperno will be free to leave the country, under the Italian-Canadian extradition treaty.

Soviet systems analyst endorses Global 2000

In a recent debate between Ivan Frolov, Deputy Director of the Soviet All-Union Institute of Systems Research, and the Politburo's international affairs chief Vadim Zagladin, Frolov praised the U.S. State Department's *Global 2000 Report* as a realistic document. According to the latest issue of *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, he called for the development of "an ecological culture" and "an ecological education." The environmentalists in West Germany, Frolov added, represent the spirit of the times, but the "greenie" movement is no substitute for global socialism.

Frolov also cited Aurelio Peccei of the Club of Rome as offering the proper "anthropological" model. The *Global 2000 Report* has been published in the U.S.S.R.

Houston debate on Rothko conference

Houston City Councilwoman Christin Hartung sponsored a resolution Oct. 14 proposing that the City Council request that the Houston Police Department and Legal Department adopt a plan to close down a Muslim Brotherhood strategy session scheduled to convene from Oct. 21 to Oct. 25 at the Rothko Chapel in Houston.

The City Council deliberations followed a presentation by National Democratic Policy Committee representative Harley Schlanger, who, on Councilwoman Hartung's invitation, described to the Council the international terrorist con-

nections of the Muslim Brotherhood leaders who will attend the Rothko conference and the role that the Brotherhood played in the Oct. 6 assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. In his testimony, Schlanger stated: "The Rothko Chapel, in inviting the Muslim Brotherhood to Houston, is sponsoring the very same organization responsible for the murder of Anwar Sadat. It is incumbent upon the City Council to do whatever is necessary to prevent the convening of this conference and the entrance of these people into the United States."

Schlanger's testimony was featured Oct. 15 in the Houston news media. In addition to press coverage, the local ABC-TV affiliate ran a story quoting Schlanger extensively and interviewing the visibly shaken director of the Rothko Chapel, Ann Meade, who said: "We know it's not true because the people coming have been certified as people of integrity and honor with one of them a Nobel Peace Prize winner, and we feel confident that they are coming with the right motives and no alternative motives."

The Mayor of Houston, Jim McConn, referred the question to the city police department after liberal Councilwoman Eleanor Tinsley blocked action on the City Council resolution.

A plan to eliminate Yasser Arafat?

A week after the assassination of Anwar Sadat, a plot to murder PLO chief Yasser Arafat was uncovered, according to Austrian intelligence sources. To have been carried out by Palestinian extremists, the hit was intended to implicate Iraq and Jordan, setting the stage for the overthrow or murder of Saddam Hussein and King Hussein, the countries' respective heads of state.

Had the plot succeeded, analysts think pro-Iraqi forces in Lebanon would have been wiped out; the moderate wing of the PLO would have come under fire; and the Syrian-backed radicals would have taken control of the organization.

Ikhwan attendees at Texas conference

An investigation of some of the Muslim Brotherhood (Ikhwan i-Muslimun) leaders slated to attend the Oct. 21-25 Rothko Chapel conference on Islam in Houston, Texas, has revealed the following connections:

One conference attendee, Ahmed Taleb Ibrahim, adviser to the President of Algeria, is a member of the Club of Rome. He is also a board member of UNESCO.

The chief organizer of the Rothko conference is one Nadjm ud-Din Bammat, an Afghani Sufi mystic. Bammat, who hails from the Caucasus in the Soviet Union, has a Muslim fundamentalist pedigree.

His father was a leader of the Muslim resistance organized by the British to oppose the fledgling Soviet government.

This resistance and its outgrowths were also deployed against Kemal Ataturk, founder of the modern Turkish Republic. Bammat teaches at the University of Paris, traveling frequently to the Middle East to coordinate Muslim Brotherhood operations in the region. For the last 30 years, he has worked with UNESCO, primarily as Director of the Department of Culture, and is also active with the Organization of Islamic Foreign Ministers.

He is a close friend of Prof. Hamid Algar, a pro-Khomeini mystic and Muslim Brotherhood activist who operates out of the University of California at Berkeley.

Khurshid Ahmad, director of the Institute of Policy Studies in Pakistan and the Muslim Brotherhood adviser to President Ziaul Haq, works closely with the Muslim Students Association in the United States. The MSA, the U.S. branch of the Brotherhood, has as its Director of Education one Anis Ahmad, Khurshid Ahmad's brother. Khurshid Ahmad has translated Mawlana Madoudi's works; Madoudi was the leader of the Jamaat-e Islami (Muslim Brotherhood) in Pakistan for years, until his recent death.

Briefly

● **PEKING** will host a conference on population control Oct. 27-30 for parliamentarians from 18 Asian countries. Sponsored by the U.N. Fund for Population Activities, the sessions will include tours of the centers where pregnant women who already have one child undergo forced abortions.

● **REGINALD DALE**, U.S. Editor of the London *Financial Times*, claims the U.S. government will offer West Germany a coal, nuclear power, and natural gas package to deter Bonn from signing its multibillion-dollar natural gas pipeline deal with the U.S.S.R.

● **EL SOL**, a leading Mexico City daily, asked editorially Oct. 13 why "the Socialist International of Willy Brandt," which "seems to be the group backing one of the factions opposing the Duarte junta" in El Salvador, charges genocide in that country but remains silent on the mass slaughter in Iran.

● **ANDREAS VON BULOW**, West German Minister of Research and Technology, opened Bonn's largest technological exposition ever held in a foreign country Oct. 12 in Mexico City. The North-South meeting in Cancún, he said, should discuss world hunger from the standpoint of "improving agricultural productivity in the developing countries, for which modern technology is necessary."

● **ROBERT DREYFUSS**, co-author of the book *Hostage to Khomeini*, is in demand for radio and TV appearances on the Muslim Brotherhood's current activities in the Middle East. A leading Kuwaiti newspaper, *Al-Siyassa*, has serialized large portions of *Hostage to Khomeini*, and the Iraqi news agency, INA, issued a worldwide news release on the book's proof that Khomeini was installed by British intelligence.