

International Intelligence

International terrorists take aim at France

On March 29 five persons were killed when a terrorist bomb went off on a train traveling from Toulouse to Paris. Jacques Chirac, Mayor of Paris and head of the opposition RPR Party, announced that he had been scheduled to travel in the car where the bomb exploded. At the same time the leaders of the French government have been targeted by the notorious assassin "Carlos."

The Socialist government of French President François Mitterrand takes a uniquely "sociological" approach to terrorism and pardoned offenders wholesale when it came to power last year.

Many Mafia figures from provinces adjacent to Corsica and the terrorists have collaborated with the French Socialists for years. But the controllers of both underworld armies are now merging them with the "disarmament" and ethnic separatist movements, for deployment against the state itself.

Franco-German group promotes nuclear energy

"Whether or not we can turn the situation around at a few minutes before midnight depends in large degree on whether we succeed in our fight for nuclear energy," Helga Zepp-LaRouche told the founding conference of the Franco-German Committee for the Promotion of Nuclear Energy in the small West German town of Biblis on March 26.

Mrs. LaRouche, Chairman of the European Labor Party, told her audience of 150 nuclear-technology advocates from France and Germany, which included a contingent from the local nuclear plant and several local politicians, that the greatest threat to world peace today arises from economic depression.

Asserting that a surrender to anti-nuclear "environmentalists" would be a death sentence particularly for the Third

World, Mrs. LaRouche declared: "As Pope Paul VI said in his encyclical *Populorum Progressio*, 'development is the new name for peace.'"

The Committee agreed to hold simultaneous press conferences in Paris and Bonn on May 2, to be followed by concurrent demonstrations in French and German cities in June. It also resolved to build a broad membership base, organized into chapters which will conduct lobbying and educational campaigns. One French speaker at the meeting, engineer M. Curvale, stressed the need for scientific education to prevent young people from turning into "fanatic ecologists."

Haig and Iklé step up anti-Schmidt moves

Visiting U.S. Undersecretary of Defense Fred Iklé used the podium of a Christian Social Union (CSU) congress in Munich March 29 to insult West Germany and attack Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's policy of détente through economic cooperation with the Soviet bloc. Iklé called détente a long-standing illusion which has allowed the Soviets to mobilize politicians, entire companies, and associations for their own ends. Germany's only real alternatives are freedom, which means "standing with the U.S.," or subjugation by the Russians.

Iklé, who belongs to an important Swiss banking family, has been identified by congressional defense specialists as part of the Washington group that is trying to topple the Schmidt government. His vituperation was seconded by CSU leader and Bavarian Governor Franz-Josef Strauss. The CSU is the Bavarian branch of the opposition Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in West Germany.

EIR has learned that during his March 14-18 trip to the United States, Strauss met secretly with Alexander Haig. A Washington-based operative of the CDU/CSU reports that the American Secretary of State told Strauss point-

blank that neither he nor the U.S. government supported Schmidt, despite public gestures to the contrary.

Haig revealed that only Ronald Reagan himself prevented U.S. officials from openly supporting a change in the West German government at present, but that when the time comes to finish off Schmidt, opposition leaders could count on the Americans.

Asians: 'Volcker is the biggest threat'

"Wall Street's high interest rates are, right now, a greater threat to security in East Asia than is the U.S.S.R., China, or Vietnam," was the message that security experts from across Asia presented to a Singapore seminar attended by Robert Barnett, former U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State.

Barnett traveled to Tokyo after this seminar to try to persuade the Japanese to support the now-dormant World Bank scheme for funding oil exploration in the Third World. He reports that, instead, the Japanese told him that "critical energy deficiencies in the 1990s and after will be met by nuclear fusion and not by oil from present—or future developing country—providers."

Pinochet and Begin sign 'free-enterprise' pact

Chile and Israel, the foremost test tubes for Nobel Prize-winner Milton Friedman's economic nostrums, signed a broad economic cooperation agreement March 9. Israel was represented by Industry and Commerce Minister Gid'on Pat, then on a tour of South America. "Pat stated," reported Chilean domestic radio, "that the two countries have similar backgrounds: their economic systems are similar; both understand the danger of communist predominance...."

There are indeed similarities in the

two countries: the destruction of wage levels and industrial employment has forced the exodus of much of their skilled labor forces. The dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet has responded to the unemployment crisis by eliminating minimum wages for young and old workers, abolishing social security, and otherwise approximating an ideal "free-enterprise" system. The result was the bankruptcy last year of more companies than any time during the last 19 years.

Chile has thus eliminated inflation by eliminating industry. Israel is at a different stage: the current world inflation leader at 130 percent.

Pat also announced the transfer of Israeli "advanced technology": a joint venture assembling solar collectors in Chile. No arms deals were mentioned.

Spooks: 'Go East, young peacenik'

While Soviet officials applaud the growing disarmament protests in the West, and step up their own domestic agitation, Western intelligence sources are looking forward to new "peace" movements in the East bloc and the Balkans as a vehicle against governments there.

A former Mediterranean expert for the OSS (the World War II predecessor of the CIA) said on March 30 that the only efficient way to create a peace movement in Western Europe is to simultaneously create one in Eastern Europe, coordinating both through trade unions, churches, and cultural and academic institutions.

Not only would this not panic the Soviets, he said, but the disarmament movement could in this way impose its anti-technology views upon East bloc governments within three or four years.

An Israeli source in Italy added that the Balkan nations of Yugoslavia, Greece, and Turkey are key to this plan. In the Yugoslavian provinces, as in Sicily, ethnic separatism and disarmament protest were being mixed for the same end—destabilization.

Soviet hardliners have been encouraging the peaceniks, terming the antiwar upsurge the only opposition to U.S. circles who were carrying out "preparations for war as the basic policy," in the words of Central Committee Secretary Boris Ponomarev on March 26. Ponomarev gave the keynote at a meeting of the Soviet Committee for the Defense of Peace, where he shared the podium with the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church.

This was preceded by enthusiastic coverage in *Pravda* of the recent electoral advances made by the environmentalist "Greens" in Lower Saxony. *Pravda* describes the greens as a "protest" party composed of disillusioned Social Democratic Party members in reaction to "corruption" of SPD officials. On March 28 *Isvestia* picked up the theme with a full-page spread on chemical warfare installations in Western Europe.

Brazil: 'Don't intervene in Central America'

Brazil's policy toward Central America is to try to prevent any military intervention, Foreign Minister Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro told *O Estado de São Paulo* on March 14: "This is the role many Latin American countries—not only Mexico and Venezuela—are seeking to play."

Saraiva said he found little credibility in Washington briefings on Soviet involvement in Nicaragua. "When the Sandinista leaders state they do not want to make Nicaragua into a second Cuba, I believe they are not merely making a rhetorical statement."

He lauded President Reagan's new concern for the economic problems of the Caribbean Basin, but not the decision to give those countries privileged access to U.S. markets instead of directly helping them build the infrastructure needed for industrialization. Brazil is afraid that exports from the islands will simply displace sugar and other items now imported from the equally poor Northeast of Brazil.

Briefly

● A SENIOR partner of a top Wall Street investment house believes that one reason Libyan dictator Qaddafi is funding the European peace movement is to tie Europe's hands in the event of a new Middle East war. "The PLO could stage an intrusion into Israel. The Israelis could retaliate by striking Saudi oil fields, sending prices back up . . . the Europeans . . . would be too busy with the peace movement to take any effective action in the Middle East."

● MUAMMAR QADDAFI'S model for economic development is the only basis for preventing population holocaust in North Africa, members of the Club of Rome told *EIR* in Paris. A similar view was taken by an official of the French Ministry for Economic Cooperation, who decried Western industrialization, and called cities "centers of violence."

● FRANCESCO PIPERNO, who is wanted for the 1979 murder of Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro, was re-arrested in Canada March 20. Canadian authorities, who have given Piperno de facto asylum through the courts, were forced to act when Italy presented new evidence from Rome magistrate Fernandino Imposimato.

● HOLLAND will pull out of the giant Soviet-European gas deal, according to a front-page story in the March 31 *Financial Times* of London. The rumor is based on the expiration of existing credit arrangements; according to Algemeene Bank Nederland, the Soviets have shown no interest in renewal.

● EAST GERMANY is reportedly clamping down on its own peace movement, despite its praise for disarmament campaigns in West Germany. One target is said to be the environmentalist East German Lutheran Church, which objected to the 1978 introduction of compulsory military training for 9th and 10th graders.