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Iran vows: no Non-Aligned meeting in Baghdad

The speaker of the Iranian parliament, Ayatollah Hashemi-Rafsanjani, issued a declaration on July 25 that Iran will escalate its war against Iraq in order to block the September meeting of the non-aligned group scheduled to be held in Baghdad. Iranian Prime Minister Musavi has since reiterated Hashemi-Rafsanjani’s declaration stressing that Iran will not allow Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to take the chairmanship of the Non-Aligned movement which he is scheduled to acquire in September.

The Khomeini dictatorship has been conducting aggressive diplomacy within the group of developing nations to get a consensus against holding the meeting in Baghdad. Iran has been coordinating with Cuba, which led to Cuban Foreign Minister Malmierca’s trip to Baghdad Aug. 2 to urge that the meeting be held somewhere else.

In late July President General Ershad of Bangladesh issued a statement that because of the Iran-Iraq war, the Non-Aligned meeting should be called off. Ershad was speaking on behalf of the same Chinese-allied Muslim Brotherhood which installed Khomeini.

Chinese revert to ‘third way’ posture

The official People’s Daily published one of China’s strongest attacks on the U.S. to date, at the beginning of August, consistent with its stiffening “Third Way” foreign-policy orientation of criticizing both the Soviet Union and the United States. At the same time Peking is coordinating with Britain and Socialist France to encourage a “breakaway Europe” scenario vis-a-vis Washington.

During his visit to Peking in early August, French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson was praised by Premier Zhao Ziyang for leading an “independent” foreign policy while British Prime Minister Thatcher will visit China in September, bringing with her, among other things, tidings of sophisticated British arms for Peking.

The People’s Daily carried a prominent article by an official of the prestigious Academy of Social Sciences accusing the Reagan administration of “being divorced from the complicated reality” of the world situation. The newspaper first focused on the administration’s decision to continue arming Taiwan.

The article then scored the U.S. for using Moscow as a scapegoat.

The Chinese repeated in much stronger terms attacks on U.S. economic policy for “infringing on the interests” of Western Europe, and criticized the Reagan administration’s sanctions against the Soviet pipeline. Simultaneous attacks on continued U.S. grain shipments to Moscow show that Peking is less concerned about the harm done to East-West trade than it is in finding another issue on which to divide Europe and the U.S.

Secret American-German gathering unveiled

At San Francisco University, a carefully selected grouping of West German and American youth leaders were assembled Aug. 2-8 by the American Council on Germany, the foremost private organization coordinating political links between the two countries. The 80 attendees were selected over an eight-month period to hear presentations on foreign affairs by such notables as Undersecretary of State William F. Buckley and former Central Intelligence Agency director William F. Colby.

Also present at the event as a coordinator was ACG treasurer Karen Furey, who also functions as a top coordinator for the East Side Conservative Club in Manhattan and maintains confidential links between the two organizations.

Keeping the list of attendees confidential, it has been learned that two members of the West German Parliament, Otmar Schreiner, a Social Democrat, and Matthias Wissmann, a Christian Democrat, were present. Also from the German side were executives of Morgan Bank, Frankfurt, and Esso, West Germany.

American participants included AFL-CIO international affairs spokesman James M. Ellenberger, and an individual presenting himself as the head of the Democratic Party in New Jersey.

It is known that among the topics discussed was that of the political activities of Helga Zepp-LaRouche, wife of EIR founder Lyndon H. LaRouche; and of Zepp-LaRouche’s party, the European Labor Party. The ACG, known in Germany as the “Atlantic Bridge,” is chaired by the 87-year-old John J. McCloy, former allied commander of the postwar German occupation. McCloy has recently been tied to the Bahamas-based operations of gangster Meyer Lansky.

Poland targeted by terror networks

Poland-watchers are worried that Aug. 31, the anniversary of the Gdansk agreements that legalized the Solidarnosc movement, may mark the outbreak of Ireland-style terrorism in Poland. “Poland may turn into another Ireland by next year,” said one expert linked to Swiss banking circles.

Solidarnosc, now underground, issued a call on July 31 for holding “peaceful” demonstrations Aug. 31 for the restoration of the union’s legality. Contacts between elements of Solidarnosc and the Italian terrorist Red Brigades were made public during the trial of Brigade members earlier this year. Exposed Brigader Luigi Scricciolo, international secretary of the Socialist Trade Union Confederation (UIL) in Italy, confessed that he not only maintained contacts, but had attended the Sept. 1981
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Solidarnosc conference in Gdansk. Szczerbiak also met regularly with Jacek Kuron, who is now serving time in a Polish jail for his attempts to instigate a civil war.

The would-be assassin of Pope John Paul II, Juan Fernandez Krohn, was also invited to the 1981 Gdansk congress of Solidarnosc, and did go to Poland shortly before his attempt to assassinate the Pope on May 13.

One representative of the oligarchic Pallavicini family in Rome declared that "the situation in Poland and terrorism in Italy, will, one hopes, change the thinking of Italy and the Pope."

Now an underground terrorist group, the MRKS, has surfaced. In a July 18 interview with the Italian daily L’Espresso, three MRKS terrorists openly compared themselves to the Red Brigades, and to the Polish World War II resistance group Armija Krajowa.

**Imposimato names Paris as terrorist base**

"We have had proof for a long time in Rome," declared Italian Judge Ferdinando Imposimato, "that terrorism has taken root in France, and that Paris has become a remarkably well-structured operational base."

Imposimato revealed the latest results of the anti-terrorist investigation he has been leading, in an interview in the Aug. 2 issue of the French weekly Le Point. He added that "all the demands to the French police on the part of Italian policemen and carabinieri have been in vain." (EIR has been independently informed that in July 150 Italian terrorists were deployed into West Germany and France, with the connivance of a French cabinet minister.)

Le Point reports that surrendered Red Brigader Carlo Brogi told police that he was assigned by Red Brigade "brains" Mario Moretti to find apartments in Paris for the terrorist group: "Thus we learn that the leaders of Italian terrorism live in the Rue des Capucines and the Rue des Dames," says the magazine.

Imposimato maintains that since the roundup of some 400 terrorists following the freeing of kidnapped NATO Gen. James Dozier, "we have known that 14 brigadists, including Lanfranco Pace and Oreste Scalone, have taken refuge in Paris. Thanks to confessions, we know the addresses, names . . . everything."

"We are also absolutely certain," Imposimato said, "that they have set up a Red Brigades column in the French capital and they work with other international groups [including] the French NAPAP." The Red Brigaders in France are also known to be in touch with the IRA, the RAF of West Germany, and the ETA and GRAPO of Spain.

**New role for Vatican as international mediator**

Agostino Cardinal Casaroli, Vatican Secretary of State, delivered an important new proposal for international diplomacy being made by Pope John Paul II, on Aug. 3 at the first press conference of his current visit to the United States. President Reagan flew to Hartford to meet with the Cardinal a day earlier.

The Vatican Secretary of State announced that, in this delicate period of international crises, the Vatican had decided to put itself forward as the only appropriate mediator for all international issues. Unfortunately, he said, the United Nations has shown that it lacks the moral authority to carry on this role. There are three requirements for any institution that would attempt to fulfill this role, he specified. They are, first, moral authority, second, a sincere interest in the solution of these problems, and third, great experience. Citing the Church’s two-thousand years’ experience, Casaroli noted that the Vatican seemed to uniquely fulfill all three of these prerequisites.

Casaroli’s press conference was given in Boston. The Secretary of State has come under political attack lately.

**Briefly**

- YUVAL NEEMAN, Israel’s new Minister of Science and Development (and also putative father of its nuclear bomb), is assuming top-down control of all Israeli R&D, with extraordinary powers including the transfer of certain responsibilities from other ministries. His entry into the cabinet is expected to add to the weight of Defense Minister Sharon.

- ‘DEFENDING EUROPE’ Without the Bomb” is the cover story in the July 31 issue of The Economist. “NATO really ought to be able to block a Soviet attack with men and tanks alone, without more or less assuming that it will have to pull the nuclear trigger in the process,” says the advocate of neo-colonial conventional wars.

- PIERRE TRUDEAU is planning to put Canada under an emergency dictatorship in response to a banking collapse sometime between now and October, according to a statement issued by Giles Gervais, candidate of the Movement for the Commonwealth of Canada for mayor of Montreal.

- FRANCISCO Goya contributed a painting of the Greek goat-god Pan to the Mexican Labor Party’s campaign against the post-election reign of terror being conducted by the fascist PAN party in Mexico. The PLM poster shows Pan surrounded by a group of transfixed females, with the warning “PAN wants your women.”

- UNESCO, possibly the most egregiously Malthusian of all United Nations bodies, held a “World Conference on Cultural Policies” July 26-Aug. 5 in Mexico City. EIR was on the scene, much to conference organizers’ dismay, and will carry a full report in a future issue.