

International Intelligence

Israeli officers demand Sharon's ouster

Two hundred and sixty Israeli army officers have called upon Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to resign, in a petition which declares a "crisis of confidence" between the army and Sharon—the architect of the Lebanon invasion and the Beirut massacre. Delivered to Sharon on Oct. 5, the petition followed by one week a meeting between Sharon and 100 Israeli generals, who also demanded Sharon's ouster.

Ezer Weizman, Sharon's predecessor, is said to be the favorite candidate of Washington to pull together a new Israeli government if Sharon and Begin fall. Despite his cultured, urbane image, Weizman's hands are as blood-stained as Sharon's; four years ago he drafted the blueprints for Israel's original invasion into Lebanon. Weizman is also one of the godfathers of the fascist Gush Emunim movement in Israel, which has set up scores of settlements throughout the West Bank, under the sponsorship of Sharon and the Begin government.

Weizman is favored by Washington because it expects him to cooperate with the Kissinger-authored Reagan Middle East plan, particularly those aspects that promote NATO-style militarization of the region.

The strange movements of Mr. Armand Hammer

Armand Hammer, the Libyan-tied chairman of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, is currently acting as the non-official Secretary of State of Anglo-America. Hammer announced Oct. 7 that he is seeking permission from the U.S. government for a large-scale export of energy-related technology to the Soviet Union, where he would like to construct a coal-slurry pipeline linking Siberia with Moscow.

What is so extraordinary about the timing of Hammer's proposal is that it is being floated just as the U.S. government is activating trade-war sanctions against Western European firms meeting contracted deliver-

ies for the East-West Yakutsk natural gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe. Just before Hammer made his proposal, West Germany's AEG electronics firm delivered two turbines for the project. The U.S. government responded by immediately banning U.S. licensed technology to the firm. Some officials at AEG, according to the U.S. financial press, are now considering putting a halt on delivery of the 45 outstanding turbines contracted for delivery.

Why Hammer is so self-confident is not entirely clear; however, he has already announced that he has invited Bechtel Corporation, until recently chaired by Secretary of State George Shultz, to be his partner in the venture. Hammer's Anglo-American role as a private engineer of foreign policy is also shown by his privileged link to Britain's Prince Charles.

On Oct. 28 Hammer and the Prince will help inaugurate the first U.S. branch of the United World Universities network, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Is Lebanon becoming another Cambodia?

The massacre of Palestinians by Israeli-backed Falangists last month in Beirut appears to be the beginning of a concerted effort to depopulate Lebanon of the 500,000 Palestinian refugees living there.

The operation against the Palestinians is reminiscent of the "depopulation" measures imposed by Pol Pot in Cambodia, which resulted in the systematic murder of half of that country's people.

At the start of October, the Lebanese Army, aided by the French multinational force, began house-to-house searches both in Muslim West Beirut and in the Palestinian camps just south of the city, ostensibly in search of "illegal aliens," "criminals," and weapons. Among the targeted camps is Shatila, which was ravaged by marauding Falangist hordes during September's Beirut massacre.

The search-and-seal operations entail cordoning off whole sections of the city and detaining hundreds of Lebanese Muslim and Palestinian civilians, who are then subjected

to physical violence and psychological intimidation. Many of those detained are being summarily deported. Lebanese sources report that up to 2,000 people from West Beirut have disappeared since the round-up began.

An unnamed Lebanese government official leaked to the Lebanese press a plan reportedly being considered by the Lebanese government to reduce the number of Palestinians in Lebanon from 500,000 to 50,000. Precisely how this is to be accomplished has not been revealed.

In addition, according to the influential Lebanese daily *An Nahar*, the government is considering a scheme to push the hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees living in the camps south of Beirut into the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley and northern Lebanon.

The idea of driving Palestinian civilians out of southern and central Lebanon conforms with Henry Kissinger's plan to partition Lebanon among the Falange, Israel, and Syria, with the Palestinians coming under Syrian control. But Moshe Arens, Israel's ambassador to Washington, declared in early October that Israeli troops would not withdraw from Lebanon until all Palestinians had departed that country.

London worried about Peking-Moscow overtures

A spectre is haunting London and Tokyo—the spectre of a Chinese deal with the Soviet Union. The just renewed Chinese-Soviet border talks are only the latest in a series of events causing the tremors. When Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki visited Peking in September, reports the Japanese daily *Yomiuri*, Suzuki tried to pin down the Chinese leaders as to how far Chinese détente with Moscow would go, but went home with his question unanswered.

Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko told Japanese Foreign Minister Sakarauchi during a meeting at the U.N. to expect an improvement in Soviet-Chinese relations. Gromyko added that Japan had no reason to fear this.

Britain's Prime Minister Margaret

Briefly

● **BRUNO BERTHEZ**, editor-in-chief of a 2-million-circulation French monthly, calls the solution of Frances's left and right to the economic crisis "economic euthanasia." "As soon as they are in power, all tendencies join in the same Malthusianism," Berthetz wrote in the October *La Vie Française*. He advocates debt moratoria for the hardest-pressed debtor nations, and reorganization.

● **THE DOMINICAN** Order, the author of the Inquisition, held a conference entitled "The Christian Conception of International Economic Policy as Alternative to Marxism," in Rome the first week of October. The conference was co-sponsored by a number of German organizations and its organizers freely admitted that it should be seen as an extension of the new Christian Democratic government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Among the topics discussed were "solidarism" as an ideal; the problem of Turkish immigration into Europe as undermining racial "purity"; violent attacks on the Mexican financial nationalization; and finally the assertion of the uniqueness of the Brazilian "race"

● **MENINGITIS** breaking out amidst widespread undernourishment and malnutrition in Poland, is one result of the trade sanctions the U.S. administration is employing against Poland. The sanctions have been backed strongly by the AFL-CIO as a show of "solidarity" with the Poles—who are now facing winter with 63,000 tons less meat products and 20,000 tons less butter than a year ago.

● **FLOODS** took a heavy toll in El Salvador in September, with the Interior Minister commenting that "God in 24 hours did more to us than the guerrillas did in two years. . . . Maybe all of this will bring us together a little more." El Salvador lacks the infrastructure of a modern nation to warn, evacuate, and rescue disaster victims, and limit flood damages.

Thatcher had a similar experience. One of the purposes of her visit to Peking was to settle the issue of Hong Kong's status. Nineteenth-century Chinese emperors had ceded Britain the island of Hong Kong in perpetuity, and other parts of Hong Kong until 1997. When the Maoists took China in 1949, they made a deal with London. They let Britain keep not only Hong Kong but certain concessions in Shanghai. In turn, Britain was first to recognize the Mao government, and kept Peking well supplied during the Korean War. Now Peking is insisting that all of Hong Kong be returned to Peking in 1997.

Thatcher sought to work out steps toward some accommodation. But she returned to Hong Kong from Peking accusing China of trying to break treaties. "And if they break this treaty, they will break other ones," Thatcher shrieked.

The secret to these strange doings in China is that the army is gaining increasing power. It jumped from five seats to nine in the Politburo at the recent party congress. Three days before the Congress the army paper printed a front-page article highly critical of Deng Xiaoping, which it was later forced to retract. The army has been insisting on restoration of heavy industry and on easing tensions with the U.S.S.R. in order to give China time to build up its strength.

Although a replay of the 1950s alliance is not in the immediate offing, the West cannot make geopolitical calculations of China as an anti-Soviet ally.

New Bonn government: a motley crew

Under its new Chancellor, Christian Democrat Helmut Kohl, West Germany is being run almost exclusively by politicians representing "southern tier" interest groups—that is, circles directly linked or speaking for the Bavarian-based black oligarchy and the southern churches.

The Chancellery office is dominated by what is known as the "Mainz clique," an insiders group from Kohl's old days as governor of the province Rheinland-Pfalz. The Foreign Ministry headed by gangster Hans-

Dietrich Genscher now includes as Undersecretary one Moellemann (Free Democratic Party), who is linked to the Munich mafia. As president of the German-Arab Society, Moellemann has been pushing for Libya's President Qaddafi to visit Europe.

The Ministry of the Interior under CDUer Friedrich Zimmerman features such unsavory characters as Count Huyn, who is to advise the minister on "Eastern affairs." The Count is a member of the Pan-European Union and of the Hapsburg-run Madrid Documentation Center.

The Minister of Research and Development, CDU Deputy Riesenhuber, is a "house-owned deputy" of the Frankfurt-based Metallgesellschaft, run by Count Casimir of Wittgenstein whose family has run dirty operations for the Hapsburgs through several centuries.

The new Labor and Social Welfare Minister, Norbert Blüm, is a specialist in Solidarist blueprints for labor-management corporatism. A leader of the Christian Social Movement, Blüm has called for a six-month wage freeze and for a "labor board" to enforce the austerity which is the only plank of the new cabinet's economic program.

De Marchi: 'Eliminate 52 million Italians'

Those unacquainted with the connection between the liberal advocates of "planned parenthood" eugenics in the United States and the fascist "black oligarchy" in Europe, ought to consider the opinions of Luigi De Marchi, an Italian collaborator of the Draper Fund.

De Marchi, who among other things runs an abortion clinic in Rome, told an *EIR* interviewer that the current Italian population of 60 million is approximately 52 million too many. Europe as a whole, he said, should have its population reduced to about one quarter of its present level. Said De Marchi: "Even if a world dictatorship were founded, it would still depend on how you keep population down." The Draper Fund/Population Crisis Committee is an American think tank that defines itself as a "game warden" ready to curb the reproduction of the human species.