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India AEC head: nuclear is our 'best bet'

India's new Atomic Energy Chairman Raja Ramanna told an early-September Bombay press conference that India's "best bet" on the energy front is to "generate nuclear energy" and especially fast breeder reactors.

Noting that nuclear fusion reactors and accelerators for breeding had "great possibilities in the coming years," Dr. Ramanna underscored India's recent decision to establish a new research center at Indore to concentrate on fusion, lasers, and accelerators.

Dr. Ramanna told the press that he wanted to "give the highest priority" to nuclear power generation and that it was a "matter of pride" that India had developed "world-class capability to set up nuclear power plants with 90 per cent indigenously manufactured components and equipment."

He further stated that India's nuclear program has to some degree been hampered by "denial of vital imports for the Indian nuclear program" because of a policy of "discrimination" against India on the nuclear energy development question.

French call: answer Moscow with beams

The national committee known as France et son Armée (France and Her Army) has issued a call endorsing President Reagan's policy of developing strategic energy-beam defense against nuclear missiles as the only realistic answer to Soviet brutality. The call has been signed by Gen. Revault d'Allonnes (CR), Compagnon de la Libération; Jacques Cheminade, general secretary of the Parti Ouvrier Européen (POE); François Tavernier, vice-president of the Union Syndicale des Cadres Dirigeants, and Edouard Frédéric-Dupont, Paris deputy (Vth circonscription), who is close to the Gaullist Rassemblement pour la République. Deputy Jean Brocard, PR, in a statement to *EIR* Sept. 8 sent a similar message to President Reagan.

The call of France and Her Army says in part:

"The committee France and Her Army condemns the act of barbarity committed by the Soviet authorities. . . . This decision reveals the state of mind of the men who reign today in Moscow. These men have warned us that they are ready to violate the most elementary principles of the rights of people and nations in order to achieve their imperial aims. They want to make Russia into a Third Rome, as the Nazis wanted to transform Germany into the Third Reich.

"France and its Army endorses research, development and installation of beam weapons (lasers), which will allow us to stop the irrationality and the adventures of the Russian leaders, by replacing nuclear terror with Mutually Assured Survival.

"We fully support the decisions in this direction defined by President Reagan in his March 23 speech.

"We call upon the President of the French Republic to support such decisions publicly as well, and to direct that a program to produce beam weapons be launched in France, to protect first the Plateau d'Albion and the Ile Longue, and then our whole territory."

'Regional autonomy will help depopulate India'

The nation of India is "far beyond its population capacity. India's population should not be beyond two-thirds of what it is now. Mrs. Gandhi has been very unsuccessful in her approach; there is too much romanticism, sentimentality, and self-interest involved," said Club of Rome co-founder Alexander King on Sept. 13. Asked how the goal of eliminating 200 million Indians from the face of the earth could be accomplished, King indicated the importance of "more regional autonomy," since such autonomy could "help a lot in making the needs of the population more obvious. . . . There would be more of a sense of self-management in controlling the population."

To back up his case for genocide, King has launched a campaign "against the notion of population density," which is known as a crucial idea in the work of economist and *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche. "We must replace this with the idea of carrying capac-

ity. This is going to be a very important issue in the next two years. I recently spoke to President Senghor of Senegal, and he said that his country was *underpopulated*, since it had only one-eightieth the population-density of Belgium. But this is entirely wrong! Senegal is *overpopulated*, because of the desert. Even potentially, Senghor is wrong, since Senegal has no water."

King will keynote a major conference of Asian parliamentarians on this idea in March, 1984—in New Delhi! Another conference on the same theme is scheduled by the Club of Rome, for Helsinki, Finland, in July 1984.

King indicated that the Club of Rome has plans for major expansion into Poland and into Colombia, and that President Belisario Betancur will support a Club of Rome conference in Bogotá on "War and Peace" beginning on Dec. 15 of this year.

King expects continued high-level cooperation from Soviet circles. A conference is due to take place in Budapest, Hungary, from Sept. 26-30.

Genscher gets 'positive signals' from Soviets

Despite the stormclouds over Asia, Africa, and the Mideast, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher came out of his meeting with Andrei Gromyko in early September full of "optimism" that Europe would fare well in its Intermediate Nuclear Forces negotiations with the Soviet Union.

Genscher, whose liberal Free Democrats are the coalition partners of the ruling Christian Union parties, commented that he got very positive signals and indications that the Soviets were willing to consider transferring the French and British missiles into the START negotiations on strategic weapons. The meeting took place at the Madrid session of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In contrast, West German Defense Minister Woerner gave an interview to several German newspapers, in which he emphasized that the Korean airliner shooting was an act of premeditated, calculated murder, which came from the highest level of Soviet military command.

Jesuits get new head

When the Jesuit order met on Sept. 13 to elect a new superior general, it took them only 45 minutes to pick an "eastward"-looking scholar instead of the reported choice of Pope John Paul II.

The choice of Dutch Middle East expert Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach has led some analysts to predict that under his direction the Jesuits will shift emphasis from "liberation" in Central America to the Middle East.

Kolvenbach is a linguist who spent over 15 years teaching linguistics and Armenian at St. Joseph's University in Beirut, Lebanon. For the past two years, he has been the rector of the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, affiliated with the Jesuit Gregorian Pontifical university. During his years in Beirut, Kolvenbach was also the Jesuit superior for the Near East. According to sources, Kolvenbach also has extensive connections with the Russian Orthodox Church.

Asked to comment on the new Jesuit general, Pope John Paul II declined, saying only that Kolvenbach was not known to him personally.

Turkey says separatists backed by Iran, Syria

When Iranian Foreign Minister Velayati visited Turkey in August, he listened to protests about his government's efforts toward creating an "independent state of Kurdistan" in Turkey, as part of a broader effort to destabilize that country.

The Swiss *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (NZZ) reported Sept. 9 that the Turks are also angry with Hafez Assad's regime in Syria for giving aid to the Armenian Secret Liberation Army (ASALA) for provocations against Turkey. The Turks have accused Syria of giving sanctuary to the ASALA, and of not keeping its word about keeping the ASALA under strict control.

The Turks are so concerned about such goings-on, the NZZ concludes, that Turkish

Foreign Minister Turkmen recently held secret meetings in Anatolia, Eastern Turkey, at the NATO base in Diyarbakir, with a top American admiral to discuss joint measures to stop these destabilizations.

A Turkish government official in Europe told *EIR*: "The Turkish government has warned the Syrian government three times about the ASALA activities originating out of Syrian territory. President Assad has denied categorically that ASALA has been involved in operating from Syria, but we have evidence, we know the places where they are operating from, in the northern part of Syria, near the Turkish border." Asked what the Turkish government evaluation was of Soviet KGB involvement in this question, he said: "I think the KGB must be coordinating this. The Syrians could not do something like this by themselves." He further said that the question of Libyan dictator Qaddafi's links to ASALA and various Kurdish groups was a subject of investigation by security authorities in Ankara.

Was KAL 7 shot down to cover SALT violation?

The Soviet destruction of KAL Flight 7 may have been related to Soviet plans to test a new missile in violation of SALT, according to reports published in the *New York Post* and elsewhere.

"The night of the Korean Air Lines massacre," Niles Latham's article in the *Post* begins, "U.S. spy satellites caught the Soviet Union red-handed violating SALT accords."

The Soviets were planning to test the PL-5 ICBM over Kamchatka on the night and in the area where KAL 7 was downed, senior U.S. intelligence officials are reported to have leaked on Sept. 13.

The PL-5 is said to be a new heavy ICBM which far exceeds the SALT limit of a 5 percent increase in the capacity of new missiles. Latham quotes U.S. officials as saying the Soviets deliberately encrypted 98-100 percent of the missile's telemetry and radio data to try to prevent U.S. intelligence from monitoring the test. Such camouflage is also in violation of SALT.

Briefly

● **OLEG BITOV**, the cultural affairs editor of the KGB's *Literaturnaya Gazeta* newspaper mysteriously disappeared in Venice during the week of September 5, and has not been seen since.

● **SWISS AUTHORITIES** are alarmed about a sharp rise in drug addiction and drug-related crimes in Switzerland during 1982-83.

● **FORMER PRESIDENT** Ahidjo of Cameroon has been making contacts with leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood in France as part of his bid to re-assume power in that West African country.

● **HELMUT KOHL** said at a rally that "We are all one big peace movement." The CDU party of the West German chancellor is campaigning in state elections in Hesse with two slogans: "Build Peace With Fewer Weapons" and "Save the German Forests."

● **FUSION ASIA**, an English-language quarterly journal of science, technology, energy, and economics, will make a mid-September debut in New Delhi, India, announced Dr. Steven Bardwell, editor-in-chief of *Fusion* magazine. The new magazine will be printed in India and marketed throughout Asia, with distribution points in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Japan.

● **AURELIO PECCEI** was in Poland the first week in September, arranging cooperation with Polish government and church layers through the newly established Polish Association for the Club of Rome. "We don't bring up demographic issues with the Poles, since this won't work," said Peccei's sidekick Alexander King. "We appeal to their interest in the impact of new technologies on industrial development. This is the foot in the door, for being able to discuss other issues at a future point."