

International Intelligence

Soviets seek renewed ties with Israel

Just as the U.S.-Israeli strategic memorandum has gone into effect, Israeli radio networks and the leading daily *Ha'aretz* are reporting that the Soviet Union is showing interest in diplomatic ties with Israel. The game-plan is that Moscow would establish ties in exchange for Israeli recognition of Soviet involvement in Mideast negotiations.

The Soviets would also reportedly provide Israel with a new market for its high-technology products—that is, Israel would act as a channel for the Soviets to steal U.S. technology going to Israel under the strategic memorandum.

Vatican denounces Hackethal's euthanasia

"Nothing and nobody can authorize the killing of an innocent human being, be it an embryo or a fetus, a child or adult, old, incurably ill or agonizing. Furthermore, nobody can request such a homicidal gesture for himself or for others whose responsibility is entrusted to him."

With these words from Pope John Paul II, Father Gino Concetti concluded a powerful condemnation of the case of West German doctor Julius Hackethal, who talked a patient into requesting to be given cyanide, and then "granted" the request. Concetti was writing in the semi-official Vatican daily *Osservatore Romano*.

Referring to the Hackethal case as designed "to legitimize euthanasia," he notes that "the words 'to kill' and 'deliberately provoke death' are not used. The euphemism is 'to die with dignity.'"

To euthanasia defenders' contention that it is a civil right, Father Concetti replies, "The right to die with dignity" cannot be denied to an individual, but . . . to die with dignity is to accept with serenity death coming *naturally*. It is not the same thing as 'to decide on the timing of one's death.' Life and death are two values transcending the

will of the person, of the human subject."

In this respect the father is following the Second Vatican Council which denounced euthanasia and suicide as "corrupting human civilization, polluting those that are so behaving, even more those that suffer it, and chiefly offending the honor of the Creator."

A document of the German Bishops reiterates this condemnation, and Father Concetti quotes it: "The question is posed whether for the incurably ill undergoing tormenting pain it would not be possible to ask for the shortening of the agony. This has to be answered that man has not the right to dispose in such a way of his own life. There is no doubt that he has the right to alleviate his pain, but this is not the deciding of his own life and death."

Communists challenged in Thionville elections

A slate of 43 European Labor Party (POE) candidates running in municipal elections May 20 in the French steel town of Thionville received 1.57% of the vote, including up to 4% in working-class districts. The result, considered high for the party's first electoral bid in the region, came despite a campaign of violence, death threats, and a systematic press blackout directed against the slate by Thionville's corrupt Communist Party Mayor Paul Souffrin. Souffrin won the election.

The POE are European followers of U.S. presidential contender Lyndon LaRouche.

In the week before the voting, articles appeared daily on the POE campaign in the Paris press, both national and local newspapers. Three national radio stations and two national television stations aired news spots on the campaign's activities and program.

Within days of the slate's filing, Mayor Souffrin himself assaulted a POE organizer, vowing that the candidates would never come up for a vote in his town. POE candidates called for expanding and modernizing steel production and rejecting the French government's 1984 Steel Plan limiting production. The POE charged the program was not only

economic insanity, but would so weaken Europe as to render it defenseless before the Soviet camp.

POE Secretary General Jacques Cheminade is expected to announce a slate for the European parliamentary elections soon.

Sharon under fire for arming Khomeini

The Labour Party-led opposition bloc in Israel's parliament has called on the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to "tell the public the truth about reports that Israel has sold arms to Iran." The demand came in response to "remarks by Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon" in support of such sales.

Sharon, according to the May 18 *Jerusalem Post*, during his current U.S. tour has "argued that Israel must maintain contact with military elements in Iran who are anti-Soviet, for the time when the current Iranian regime is replaced."

In Israel, leaders of the emigré Iranian Jewish community have called on the Labour Party leadership to raise in parliament the issue of the Khomeini regime's persecution of Iran's 40,000 Jews.

Iranian terrorists target White House

According to U.S. intelligence sources, Iranian terrorists are preparing a suicidal assault against the physical grounds of the White House. All U.S. intelligence and law enforcement in the District of Columbia are on "red alert."

The sources said that nearly 2,000 anti-Khomeini Iranians living in the United States, including former top government figures in exile, are on a hit list.

At the time this information was made available, the Savama station-chief in the Washington, D.C. area, Bahram Nahidian, orchestrated a demonstration supporting the "Imam's line." According to U.S. intelli-

gence officers, Nahidian's apparatus, supposedly redeployed into Ibero-America where the drugs-for-weapons trade has been more lucrative, is actually devoted to U.S. terrorist operations under cover of that diversionary report.

Gaullist writer backs ABM systems

Writing in the French weekly *Valeurs Actuelles*, Raymond Bourguine, a Gaullist close to Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, counters the arguments against beam-weapon defense put forward by the proponents of "decoupling." The idea of decoupling Europe from the United States is based on "the most dangerous illusion," he argues. Opposition to the U.S. beam program in Europe is "illogical," since such a system would never make the United States a sanctuary unto itself—as opponents argue—but, on the contrary, "it would increase the audacity of the President of the United States in defending Europe."

Bourguine also rips apart a decoupling proposal aired by former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to have France extend its nuclear umbrella over Germany, pointing out that French tactical nuclear missiles are necessarily targeted on Germany.

Kristol calls for U.S. pull-out from Europe

"I desire nothing else than that the umbilical cord which, in the framework of NATO, presently links up Europe to the United States, be cut. I think that the U.S. should leave the Alliance and pull out all of their troops stationed on the Old Continent; the defense of Europe would thus become an exclusively European affair," declared think-tanker Irving Kristol in an interview to the French daily *Le Figaro* May 25. Kristol is associated with Henry Kissinger and the Washington-based Heritage Foundation.

"Europe must not count on American

protection any longer. . . . These Europeans have to understand that whoever the U.S. President is, he will not take the risk of destroying his own fatherland to defend Europe," Kristol exclaimed. Asked what the United States would do in the case of a Soviet conventional attack Western Europe, Kristol answered: "I fear that the Americans would have no other choice than to say: 'Too bad!'" He explained that Europe should have its own deterrent force and sufficient conventional forces so as to resist Soviet aggression. The United States could sell Europe nuclear weapons and establish some form of alliance with "the new European NATO," Kristol added, calling the present NATO "obsolete."

In the introduction, P. Wajzman, the interviewer, notes that "all those who, like myself, believe that there exists a profound unity of destiny between the Old Europe and the New World, will be worried on reading these excerpts."

German firm develops laser-beam weapons

The May 21 issue of *Aviation Week* carries the first reports on advanced West German work on high-power lasers for defense against aircraft and missiles.

The Munich aerospace firm MBB has conducted tests in which the infrared beams from a carbon-dioxide laser exploded aircraft fuel tanks at distances of up to 10 kilometers (6.2 miles). The cost per "shot" of such a laser anti-aircraft weapon is reportedly only about \$400—a small fraction of the cost of conventional anti-aircraft missiles, or of the offensive missiles so destroyed.

The article suggests that the laser weapon might also be effective against some of the Soviets' short-range missiles now threatening Western Europe.

The poor state of NATO air defenses in Europe has been a major cause of concern here, especially given the danger of a Soviet "limited surgical strike" against weakly defended areas such as Schleswig-Holstein in northern Germany.

Briefly

● **NATO** military intelligence in Brussels reports that the Soviets are presently constructing four launcher-bases for SA-5 anti-aircraft missiles on the East German island of Rügen in the western Baltic. This stationing takes place on an island which Soviet propaganda has publicly declared a non-militarized zone which "must not be touched or threatened by the West." The SA-5 bases are not under the command of the regional East German army section, but of the Command West of the Soviet missile forces based in Kiev.

● **PRAVDA** gushed May 21 in praise of both Mondale and Hart, stressing that the Hart-Mondale faction of the U.S. ruling class is opposed to Reagan. "Mondale and Hart have come out as a whole in favor of positions which are more realistic than Reagan and his command." *Pravda* praises their policy to ratify SALT II, to freeze nuclear weapons, and stop U.S. "state terrorism" in Central America.

● **WILLY BRANDT**, on his way to his Social Democratic Party's party day in Essen in mid-May, physically assaulted picketers who accused his party of collaboration with the Soviets and East Germans. According to two Ruhr newspapers, Brandt lost his composure at being asked, "Do you still speak German, Mr. Brandt, or only Russian now?" Two female organizers of the European Labor Party have filed a suit against Brandt for physical and material damages.

● **HENRY KISSINGER** and Alexander Haig have formed a new joint-venture company with Israeli Dan Hotels owner Yekutiel Federmann for trade deals with the Soviet Union and the East bloc. Federmann is said to maintain close business ties with one Max Horowitz, a lawyer for the late Meyer Lansky. Dan Hotels was created on the basis of a 50-50 partnership between Federmann and Horowitz, named as a mobster in 1950s Kefauver Committee hearings.