

International Intelligence

Soviets lash Japan's alleged 'revanchism'

On May 26-27, the Japanese celebrated the anniversary of their victory in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905, and the 50th anniversary of the death of Japanese Admiral Togo who sank the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. To the Russians who celebrate each year the "victory of the Great Patriotic War" in May, the fact that they were once defeated by a small island nation is apparently still an open wound.

The Soviet foreign ministry (!) passed an official protest note, attacking the Japanese for this "unfriendly act" which "reminded us of a very bitter trauma." The army paper *Red Star* even predicted that this step will cause "additional tension in the relations between Japan and the U.S.S.R."

This campaign against the rebirth of "Japanese militarism and revanchism" coincided with the arrival of North Korean President Kim il Sung in Moscow, the first such visit in 20 years. In his presence, Soviet party chief Chernenko accused Japan of "attempting to repeat history . . . Japanese militarism repeatedly displayed its expansionist, colonialist likings and repeatedly unleashed wars."

Italian priest: 'Beam weapons just and moral'

The latest issue of the official Italian army magazine, *Rivista Militare*, carries two significant articles in defense of beam weapons, and calls for Italian and European participation in the American program. Unprecedented is the article written by the well-known Catholic theologian Fr. Ennio Innocenti.

Speaking of "Catholic strategic" thinking, Father Innocenti blasts the pacifist and appeasement approach recently put forward by the leading Jesuit spokesman in Italy: "There are religious and ethical values which are more important than even human life." Therefore, it is correct to speak of a "just war."

Quoting the late Pope Paul VI, Father Innocenti states that this concept of "just war" is not eliminated by the introduction of nuclear weapons. This is even more true if one considers the development of "beam weapons to be used against strategic missiles." These "beam weapons are feasible, defensive, just and moral."

The other pro-beams article in *Rivista Militare* is by General Farotti, head of the arms-procurement department of the Italian Defense Ministry. He sharply counterposed the new weapons system to the NATO "flexible response" doctrine, pointing out its connection to the policy of decoupling Europe and the United States. In the same review last September, Farotti credited *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche with initiating the beam-weapon debate in the United States.

Zepp-LaRouche speaks to German TV audience

"The oft-repeated fact that in the 39 years following the war we have not succeeded in developing into a sovereign republican nation, is now leading us into potential disaster," West German political figure Helga Zepp-LaRouche told a national TV audience there May 26. "In the midst of a worsening and many-faceted crisis, our leading institutions and parties . . . are giving up hope and are miserably capitulating to the threat from the East.

The European Labor Party head went on: "A strategic superpower crisis is looming, while the financial and debt crisis the European Labor Party has warned about for so long, is now moving toward a global collapse, signaled by the most recent banking crises. . . ."

"While on the one hand the Soviet Union has launched an unprecedented propaganda campaign against an alleged revival of neo-Nazism in the Federal Republic, on the other hand they hope that amidst the upcoming crises, they can split the Federal Republic out of the Western Alliance. And our politicians, with their same old Occupation mentalities, are already preparing to accept their future masters.

"The fact that the Federal Republic has

never become a true nation, and our leading institutions today are unable to defend actual German interests, is intimately connected with the fact that we Germans have still not yet come to terms with our recent history.

"In order to help unravel the Gordian Knot of our search for identity, the Schiller Institute I have founded is publishing *The Hitler Book*, which will present an uncompromising picture of who brought Hitler to power and who supplied him support. And among these were the Anglo-American financial circles in London and New York, as well as Stalin—essentially the same forces which afterwards heralded themselves as occupying powers and re-educators.

"In this difficult world situation, we Germans will have a chance only if we remain firmly within the Western Alliance and if we comprehend our own history, learn from it, and with clear minds return to the positive republican traditions of the German classics, the Prussian reformers and the Wars of Liberation."

'Peace activist' sees strategic showdown

A leading "peace movement" organizer from the "Action Reconciliation" group in West Berlin, in close contact with Socialist International circles around Germany's Willy Brandt and Greece's Andreas Papandreu, told a journalist that "there will be no reconciliation between the two superpowers, but quite the contrary."

The spokesman predicted: "This autumn will bring a real and dangerous confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union. This will be a heavy shock for many, since most people have illusions about the real situation. Politicians still maintain illusions that things are not so bad. Things will get much worse."

The activist said that this confrontation will create the preconditions for the success of the "Initiative of the Five Heads of State against the Nuclear Arms Race," now including Olof Palme (Sweden), Andreas Papandreu (Greece), Julius Nyerere (Tanzania), Miguel de la Madrid (Mexico) Indira Gandhi (India), and Raul Alfonsin (Argen-

tina). "This initiative will not remain limited to the developing sector, but will expand its organizing among the NATO members," the source explained. It amounts to a variation on the "nuclear freeze" theme of the Soviet Union.

Bomb nearly kills 'Commander Zero'

Eden Pastora, code-named 'Commander Zero' and the most famous of the Nicaraguan rebel leaders, survived the bombing of his press conference at his jungle camp May 29. The bombing left four dead and 27 journalists injured. Pastora is now under heavy guard in a Costa Rican hospital.

Pastora, reputed like the other "contras" to be financed by the Israelis, has refused to merge forces with the old Somoza army, the "Nicaraguan Democratic Force." The CIA forced the ARDE group, of which Pastora was a leader, to approve the merger May 28 by threatening to cut off their funding if they did not, according to the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*.

Intelligence sources told *EIR* that the murder attempt was made by the "Kissinger-Kirkland faction" of the CIA, which is impatient to escalate war activities in Central America.

Why was Manuel Buendía killed?

The assassination of Manuel Buendía, an investigative journalist for the Mexican daily *Excelsior*, has become a national issue in Mexico. He was shot five times at point-blank range by a gunman in downtown Mexico City May 30. It was the first major political assassination in Mexico since 1975.

Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid called for a full investigation at the funeral May 31. A close collaborator of Buendía, Carlos Illescas, tied the assassination to the recent column by U.S. columnist Jack Anderson attacking de la Madrid for alleged corruption, published while the Mexican president was in the United States in May.

A column by Buendía was published on June 1, after his death, in which he attacked Antonio Ortiz Mena, the president of the Bank of Inter-American development, as the "mother" of all of Mexico's problems. Mena has been demanding that Mexico's debt be paid with exports.

Call for coup against Colombian President

A column signed by one Doctor Rayo in the May 26 *Expectador* of Colombia implies a military coup against President Belisario Betancur. Betancur has been waging all-out war against drug trafficking, amid dialogue and armistice with guerrillas.

"Perhaps as the fight against the drug-runners grows stronger, it will be extended into the area of narco-guerrillas. . . . Perhaps the insurrectionists will continue assaulting the population . . . without the hand of the President becoming a fist. . . . But . . . the generals and colonels could be willing to take command and replace the dialogue of the deaf with the reckless power of the weapons; then we would ask President Betancur to present his resignation in behalf of Democracy," said Doctor Rayo.

Jesuits destabilize Panama after elections

Jesuit-led riots in Panama May 30 resulted in 50 injured and threatened to spread Central American chaos into that country. Among the wounded was the head priest of the Society of Jesus in Panama.

The rioting began hours after Nicholas Ardito Barletta, favorite of the Panama's international creditors, was certified to have won the presidential elections. On Sunday the Bishops' Council, led by Archbishop Marcos McGrath, circulated a pastoral letter to all churches asserting that the elections had been permeated with fraud. McGrath is a protégé of former Notre Dame president Theodore Hesburgh, who like McGrath and Barletta is a member of the Aspen Institute's Inter-Americas Dialogue.

Briefly

● **ARIEL SHARON** and Ezer Weizman, former Israeli defense ministers, are likely to be called to testify in the trial of 27 Israeli underground terrorists accused of murder and attempted murder. The terrorists are all members of the Israeli settlement movement, which Sharon has been known to support since his tenure as minister of agriculture. Defendants include two army officers. It will be the biggest terrorist trial in Israeli history.

● **SIKH TERRORISTS** killed 11 people in the state of Punjab May 30, the worst wave of violence to sweep the state in two weeks. The Sikh terror war is now at the point of destroying the state's economy. The Punjab is the country's leading agricultural state, providing India with 70% of its wheat. Trucking in the state is reportedly cut in half, while migrant workers are afraid to come into the state for the harvest.

● **A SOLDIER** formerly in the Indian Army was arrested by security forces at New Delhi international airport as he arrived on a plane flight from Iraq. The ex-soldier was wanted for questioning in a plot to assassinate Indian Premier Indira Gandhi, believed to have been ordered by Sikh separatist-terrorists in the Punjab.

● **MAMMA MIA!** A nine-member panel of the Church of England, established by Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, has recommended that marriage be allowed between step-parents and step-children, and between in-laws, "to discourage secret sexual affairs."

● **HAMBURG** arms-smugglers selling weapons to Iran were arrested on May 29, the first such West German law-enforcement action in five years. The arrest of five illegal-arms merchants, said to have arranged for the shipment of hundreds of tanks to the Iranians, was reportedly coordinated with the United States, and perhaps linked to the arrest of Iranian Savama agent Reza Hashemi on arms-smuggling charges in New York recently.