

International Intelligence

Soviets rehearsing war, says Austrian colonel

The Red Army is "not merely reviewing war, but rehearsing it," says a top Austrian military official about the Warsaw Pact's current "Shield-84" maneuvers in Czechoslovakia. The alarm was sounded in the Sept. 5 issue of the West German weekly *Bayernkurier*.

The maneuvers are only the latest phase in a continuous series of maneuvers that have been going on since January.

The paper quotes Col. Franz Freistätter of the Austrian General Staff on the fundamental difference between the maneuvers now taking place by NATO forces and those of the Warsaw Pact. "For the Eastern alliance, the main priority in the maneuvers is to locate an advantageous entrance gate toward the West. They are not just reviewing war!"

The atmosphere in which the "Shield-84" maneuvers are taking place is "decisive," says the *Bayernkurier*. These maneuvers follow the military exercises in East Germany in June-July, which tested a surprise attack against West Germany, and were "directly conducted by the Soviet General and Chief of Staff Ogarkov from Moscow."

The Yugoslav General Staff, according to the article, has evidence that Yugoslavia is one of the Soviet Army's "operative targets" on the Southern Flank.

Gen. Rogers: NATO will protect Western Europe

General Bernard Rogers, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, declared on Sept. 5 that NATO's policy is early first use of nuclear weapons, should the Soviet Union attack Western Europe. Rogers was speaking at a press conference in Brussels on the opening of NATO's Autumn Forge maneuvers.

This reaffirmation of the U.S. "nuclear umbrella" counters the lobbying efforts of Robert McNamara and other Eastern Estab-

lishment figures, to abolish the first-use doctrine and decouple the United States from the defense of Europe. Rogers has recently publicly disagreed with Henry Kissinger's plan to withdraw U.S. troops from Western Europe.

Rogers also called for the renewed development of chemical weapons, halted by the United States since 1969, in order to combat the Soviets' massive effort in this area. His recommendation goes against NATO Secretary General Lord Peter Carington, who opposes the development of either an offensive or defensive chemical warfare capability.

In a further gesture of the solidarity of the United States with the European allies, and particularly with the Federal Republic of Germany, Gen. Rogers on Sept. 3 appointed his West German deputy, Gen. Hans-Joachim Mack, to head nuclear planning for NATO—the first time a German has served in this sensitive position. The move was hostilely received by the Soviet press. The official Soviet daily *Pravda* on Sept. 5 called it a threat to peace, adding: "The European nations remember well what these 'typical German generals' brought them 25 years ago."

Bolivia government gets coup threats

Bolivia's Interior Minister Federico Alvarez Plata warned on Sept. 6 that groups of "ultra-rightists" are preparing a series of violent acts over the next several days, to attempt to overthrow the government of President Hernán Siles Zuazo.

The interior minister said that "groups and individuals of known fascist affiliation, remembered for their participation in past dictatorial regimes, have been organizing for the coup" in the capital city of La Paz and in the country's interior.

The Siles Zuazo government is being hit from all sides. The first week in September, the Bolivian senate voted 16 to 7 to demand the resignation of Alvarez Plata for allegedly violating the "human rights" of the cocaine traffickers who kidnapped the Presi-

dent for 10 hours on June 30.

On Sept. 5, the President received a death threat from the neo-Nazi "Von Adler Legion," in a letter that says: "Hernán Siles Zuazo, Bolivian President, miserable commie, we will quickly bring you to justice in La Paz for having delivered our 'Oberst' Klaus Barbie to France." (Siles Zuazo had ordered Barbie, the Gestapo's "butcher of Lyon," captured and extradited to France in February of 1983.)

The networks of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, which had developed an excellent working relationship with Bolivia's "Cocaine Coup" generals hit the Bolivian President from another side. Through their press organ, the *Washington Times*, the Moonies charged Sept. 1 that the military and civilian security officials, who under Siles Zuazo have smashed 11 major cocaine labs in recent weeks, are Cuban and Soviet agents.

Who is to blame for the Nazi invasion of Poland?

A Soviet military historian has gone to new extremes in falsifying history by blaming England and France for letting Hitler conquer Poland, while ignoring the fact that at the time this happened, the U.S.S.R. was allied with the Nazis under the Hitler-Stalin Pact. The pact allowed the Russians to invade and occupy the eastern half of Poland, while Hitler took the western portion.

Writing in the military newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda*, Maj.-Gen. N. Glazunov alleges that the United States, England and France "actively contributed to the outbreak of the Second World War."

"Forty-five years ago, the Second World War was unleashed. It began on Sept. 1, 1939, by the perfidious attack of fascist Germany on Poland. All of the countries and peoples of the world learned about the Nazi aggression on that very day. But it was not until after two days of inactivity, which to a large extent predetermined the military defeat of Poland, that her allies—England and France—declared war on Germany. That they did on Sept. 3, when the fate of Poland had already been decided."

Briefly

● **SWEDEN WON'T** buy U.S. fighter planes, and has instead opted to build its own. Some U.S. observers are "perplexed" at the decision, noting that the Swedish aircraft will be less capable than the already operational GD F-16 or McDonnell Douglas F-18.

● **THE CLUB OF LIFE** is shipping an ambulance to Zaire in September. "It is a concrete gift aimed at saving lives," a spokesman said. The ambulance is being sent to a hospital in Kinshasa, which is being built through the efforts of Rev. Mpolesha Dibala, a founding member of the Club of Life in Zaire.

● **FAUSTO CHARRIS**, the president of Colombia's Anti-Drug Coalition, is the reason for the evident distress of former Colombian President Alfonso López Michelsen, according to a two-page article in the magazine *Guion* published on Aug. 30. Headlined "The Reason for López's S.O.S.," the article describes how Charris (and *EIR*) had charged López with promoting and protecting the country's drug-pushers. López fled the country on Aug. 15, then wrote a widely-publicized letter to President Belisario Betancur complaining about the accusations against him. The Colombian government issued a warrant for the arrest of his cousin, Jaime Michelsen.

● **EUGENE IONESCO**, the Theater of the Absurd playwright, was true to form on Sept. 3 as he addressed Brown University's convocation ceremonies on the evils of technology. "America's state-of-the-art technology has elevated humanity above itself," he said, and its "rich cultural tradition"—seen in the works of Henry Miller, John Dos Passos, John Steinbeck, and William Faulkner—is being ignored. He recalled with dismay his discovery that Chinese residents of Taiwan are unfamiliar with Buddha, Confucius, and Tao, and instead are interested in industrializing their country.

Pope's life threatened after attack on Jesuits

Within hours of the release by the Vatican on Sept. 3 of a 36-page document attacking the Jesuit order's so-called Theology of Liberation, Pope John Paul II's life has been threatened in at least three separate incidents.

The Vatican document was released at a Rome press conference held by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, who explained that the report was intended "to draw the attention of pastors, theologians, and the faithful to the deviations, and risk of deviations brought about by forms of liberation theology which use concepts borrowed from Marxism."

In Montreal, where the Pope is scheduled to visit during the second week in September, a bomb blast at the city's main railway station on Sept. 3 killed 3 people and injured 28 others.

Arrested for the bombing was Thomas Brigham of Rochester, N.Y., who was under surveillance by the U.S. Secret Service until last year for following President Reagan. Brigham is suspected of authoring the following anti-Vatican diatribe: "Kill popes! Fry bloody papacy! First 18 popes died violently. Pope Leo issued the *tomos*. First to die peacefully in his bed." (The reference is to Pope Leo I's *Tome of Leo*, a fifth century document.)

The second incident took place the same day in San Juan, Puerto Rico, a city the Pope will also visit in the next few weeks. Rev. Jorge Raschke, a Gnostic preacher, attacked John Paul II as the "Anti-Christ" at a rally of 60,000 people.

Finally, a letter postmarked "Venice" was delivered to the Italian news agency Ansa, threatening "attacks on the Vatican" unless papal assailant Mehmet Ali Agca is released to house arrest, in exchange for a young woman kidnapped over a year ago. The letter, signed by the unknown "New Muslim Organization for the Anti-Christian Struggle," claimed that Emanuela Orlandi, the daughter of a Vatican employee, was alive but "will be killed" unless authorities meet the terms of the message.

Greece will disrupt NATO air maneuvers

The pro-Moscow government of Premier Andreas Papandreou has vowed to shut down air traffic over the Aegean Sea and intercept approaching military aircraft if NATO goes ahead with the planned air maneuvers later this month in which NATO jets will enter Athens-controlled air space.

The announcement was given prominent play on Greek state television and radio on Sept. 4, along with the official announcement that Igor Andropov, son of the late Soviet President Yuri Andropov, had been appointed Soviet ambassador to Greece.

During the last week in August, Papandreou announced that Greek troops would not take part in the NATO maneuvers in the north Aegean, scheduled to start Sept. 17. The reason given: "For us, Turkey, and not the Soviet Union, is the only visible danger."

Israel: Col. Qaddafi killed PLO's Sartawi

Radio Jerusalem reported on Sept. 3 that investigations into the April 1983 murder of PLO negotiator Issam Sartawi in Lisbon prove that Muammar Qaddafi's Libya financed and ordered the murder.

Perpetrated by a member of the Abu Nidal Palestinian split-off gang, the assassination was made possible because of complicity on the part of some layers within the Portuguese police.

Such connections were established by tracing the role of the Portuguese underground terrorist organization FP-25, whose leading member was Colonel Cavaiho, a left-wing officer who played a key role in the 1974 revolution. Cavaiho was arrested by Portuguese authorities last June. Radio Jerusalem said that it has been proven that his FP-25 played a key role in the assassination of Sartawi, after having received a sizable amount of money in a bank account at the Union Bank of Switzerland in Geneva, coming from Tripoli.