

# International Intelligence

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## ***Malenkov baptised in Russian Church***

According to reports in the Spanish monarchist daily *ABC* during early January, "There has somehow slipped by unnoticed" the fact that Giorgi Malenkov, prime minister of the Soviet Union in the 1950s, was recently baptised under the Orthodox Rite in Russia.

Sources of the Orthodoxy consulted by *ABC* in Moscow stated that "Malenkov discovered religious faith in the final stage of his life."

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## ***Tensions increase in Maghreb region***

A Jan. 13 battle between Moroccan forces and those of the so-called Polisario Liberation Front, which demands independence for the former Spanish Sahara now part of Morocco, led to the shooting down of at least one Moroccan Mirage F-1 jet fighter. The incident indicates that the Polisario has been receiving more advanced weaponry since October, when it launched its "Grand Maghreb" military offensive.

The Polisario offensive occurs as, at Tunisian initiative, there has been motion toward a Maghreb summit meeting to include Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya—an attempt to head off more general warfare in the region.

Algeria's Prime Minister Chadli, who has backed Polisario, is seen as decisively moving toward the United States after Morocco's recent "merger" with Soviet-puppet Libya. Reports from Europe and the United States say that the recent visit of Soviet Navy Admiral Gorskhov to Algeria was a failure.

As long as Chadli and Hassan are in power, it is unlikely that the Sahara war will become a regional war. Morocco's King Hassan told the Spanish press the week of Jan. 14 that as long as he is alive, Morocco won't go to war with Spain on the issue of the Ceuta and Mellila Spanish enclaves on Moroccan soil.

There are growing domestic pressures against this policy, however, including rumors of an assassination of the king, as well as reports that some dissatisfied officers may be tempted, with Soviet backing, to stage a coup against Chadli in Algeria.

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## ***Israeli analyst says 'Greens' are Nazis***

An ongoing series of articles, published in the Jan. 18 weekly supplement of the *Jerusalem Post*, on the arrest and trial of Adolf Eichmann in 1962 is being used to attack the West German Green Party. The series quotes at length from newly released documents from the Servatius files, named after Eichman's defense lawyer, the Cologne-based Robert Servatius.

The Jan. 11 installment quotes from a document written by Eichman in an Israeli jail, explaining why it was necessary to use the Jews as a scapegoat to build the party: "But how could one sustain the attention of the masses who were to carry the banner of victory when one is defenseless? Now a catalyst was required, a tried and historically proven scapegoat, a ploy rarely unsuccessful, and seldom known to fail, the Jew."

Commented the Israeli writer: "Here Eichman was right. The present day German left-wing "revolutionaries," the Greens, are treading the same path as their right-wing mentors, the NSDAP [Nazis] of yore. Their promotion of anti-Semitic propaganda in the new package of anti-Israeli disinformation shows that they are learning the business."

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## ***Washington Post pushes Mexican civil war***

On Jan. 6, a front-page article in the *Washington Post* predicted mass violence during the 1985 state election campaigns in northern Mexico. The article cited riots of the neo-Nazi National Action Party (PAN) in the town of Piedras Negras on Dec. 30, which left many dead and wounded, quoting a teenaged boy who participated in the rioting:

"People are thinking of taking up arms' . . . Guerrilla warfare or serious economic sabotage still seem unlikely, but civil unrest linked to the conservative National Action Party's political ambitions has escalated in the last month. . . . Many political observers fear more violence this year as [the PAN], strengthened by Mexico's lingering economic crisis . . . mounts its strongest electoral challenge in July."

The *Post* continued: "The government would be making a very grave mistake if it shuts its eyes to the possibility of violence' if electoral fraud mars coming races, Pablo Emilio Madero said in an interview with *Washington Post* special correspondent William Orme." The *Post* then quotes from an article by Alfredo Arenas Rodríguez, a PAN party leader in Baja California, in the Jan. 5 edition of *La Jornada*: "The PAN must stop being a brake on political violence and lead the people toward reestablishing legality and once and for all having suffrage respected."

*New York Times* correspondent Alan Riding, in his latest book on Mexico, points to the possibility of U.S. military intervention: "Mexican [Army] officers may admire their American counterparts, but the two countries have different strategic concerns: for the United States, the principal enemy is the Soviet Union; for Mexico, the only possible threat is the United States."

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## ***Brazil elects civilian President***

Celebrations broke out all over Brazil on Jan. 16 when opposition candidate Tancredo Neves became the first civilian President since the 1964 coup. Neves is perhaps the most experienced political consensus-maker in Brazil. He is a conservative who supported the 1964 coup, but afterwards kept on good terms both with the military and with many of the civilians who were repressed by it. He has cultivated his reputation as a democrat recently by supporting the movement for direct elections of the president.

The military did not allow a direct elec-

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● **MA'AROUF** Dawalibi of Saudi Arabia, claimed that "it has been proven" that "Jews need to drink the blood of non-Jews at least once a year!" This has caused an international uproar following the opening on Jan. 18 in Geneva, Switzerland of a United Nations-sponsored conference on "Religious Tolerance," during which Dawalibi was one of the main speakers. Such an outrageous anti-semitic statement from Dawalibi is not very surprising. He is the chairman of the World Muslim Congress, a front for the Muslim Brotherhood, and was the personal secretary to Hitler's best Arab friend, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, during World War II.

● **JACQUES TOUBON**, the new leader of the Gaullist party, RPR, said that France must join in the race for space defense. Interviewed on French TV on Jan. 15, he said that "Star Wars" is inevitable. France must be part of that, because its strategic and economic consequences are so important. The journalist asked: "But is not that the same position as Mitterrand's?" Toubon made clear that "Mitterrand is against this policy, and it is a grave attitude."

● **CHINESE** and Vietnamese troops are now entering the fourth day of heavy fighting along the Vietnam-China border during the second week of January, while simultaneously heavy fighting continues between the Vietnamese and the Khmer Rouge on the Kampuchean-Thailand border.

● **A U.S.-SOVIET** Joint Space Mission could enter the discussion stage almost immediately, according to *Aviation Week and Space Technology* magazine, and a joint space venture may come before the end of the year. White House spokesman Robert Sims is quoted by the magazine saying: "I know the President is disposed to such a joint effort, if the Soviets are willing."

tion this time, but Neves still carried the rigged electoral college by a large majority over an official candidate who was so openly corrupt that he had little support even from inside the military regime, leaving the government party in shambles.

Neves represents a broad social base which stretches from the oligarchic business interests of Brazil to the unemployed masses who believe that any change must be for the better. The Brazilian people believe he will break from the IMF-imposed austerity programs implemented under Planning Minister Delfim Netto, though he has repudiated any sharp break with the IMF. On the other hand, foreign bankers believe he will have a Brazilian monetarist making economic policy for him and will use his democratic appeal to continue murderous austerity.

The *Financial Times* of London commented: "Brazil and Brazilians are different from other, more restive, more politicized countries and peoples. . . . There appears to be no cauldron about to boil over if popular demands are not rapidly met. Nor are the military pawing the ground waiting for the first chance to reintervene."

### ***Pakistan-India tensions mount in Kashmir area***

Pakistan denied a report according to which its forces tried to invade the Indian Kashmir region on Jan. 15. The denial came in response to new Delhi's announcement that Indian forces had killed up to 50 Pakistani soldiers trying to cross into the Kashmir region as part of a broader confrontation.

Whatever actually happened, tension has again been rising between the two countries, and on Jan. 12, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi issued a warning that, should Pakistan continue to "try to manufacture a nuclear bomb," this would become a "point of no return in relations between the two countries."

According to the *Hindustan Times* on Jan. 8, the Pakistani situation has become very volatile and unstable in light of the upcoming elections, which are being boy-

cotted by many parties. Describing the multiple Soviet military threats against Pakistan, the paper also warned that, aside from General Zia and Begum and Benazir Bhutto, wife and daughter of the late premier executed by Zia, there are no Pakistani national leaders. Most leaders of Bhutto's Pakistani Peoples Party (PPP) have joined the fights for the independence of the Sind, of Baluchistan, or of the Northwest Frontier which, under Soviet pressure, could easily become a "Pushtunistan"—a development which concerns India because of its spill-over potential.

India is also facing new problems in the Punjab. A Sikh high priest, suspected of being a "collaborator" of the government, was gunned down on Jan. 16 in Amritsar by Sikh separatists. In the south, a confrontation with Sri Lanka is looming over Colombo's accusation that Indian fishing boats are being used to transport weapons to Tamil separatists. A Sri Lankan gunboat which tried to seize some Indian fishing boats was itself captured by the Indian fleet, creating a diplomatic and military incident.

### ***IMF-incited riots continue in Jamaica***

Jamaicans continued to riot on Jan. 18 in protest against increased fuel prices ordered by the International Monetary Fund.

The Reagan administration's much-touted "model free-enterprise economy" is now showing itself to be a complete failure. President Reagan unfortunately turned his policy toward the Caribbean region over to David Rockefeller, whose policy was to help Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga institutionalize a marijuana drug-based economy. The results are now evident.

There was a new upsurge of violence on the afternoon of Jan. 18 in a Kingston slum between followers of opposition leader Michael Manley and those of Seaga. Three persons were reported killed. Earlier this week, 5 died and 15 were injured when the government imposed a 15% increase in fuel prices on orders from the IMF.