

# International Intelligence

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## **Seaga says marijuana is only minor problem**

The importance of marijuana production for the economy of Jamaica has been grossly exaggerated, according to Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga, who told *Washington Post* editors that his government is taking "draconian measures" to reduce production of the drug, including restricting access to tourist beaches to authorized drug salesmen. The tourist trade, Seaga explained, is being affected by those undesirables.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration estimates that 1,850 metric tons of marijuana, with a wholesale value in the United States of \$2.3 billion, was packaged last year for shipment to the United States. The value of that marijuana for farmers and middlemen in Jamaica was about \$82 million. Jamaica supplies 14% of the marijuana smoked in the United States, giving it third place after Colombia and Mexico.

Seaga is currently in the United States to try to convince Vice-President George Bush that the DEA figures are wrong. His position, however, was challenged on Feb. 1 by John T. Cusack, the senior staff member of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, who said that money from the sale of marijuana "makes the world go round" in Jamaica, and that Seaga would lose considerable political support if he instituted an island-wide program to destroy the marijuana crop. Cusack said that as an alternative, Seaga has opted for "interdiction rather than eradication," and that "this approach has never worked anywhere in the world. They are tolerating production. . . ."

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## **Jack Anderson tries to stop European SDI aid**

Columnist Jack Anderson is trying to poison the well of the incipient Euro-American technological cooperation on President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). Target number one is West Germany, the European country which has swung farthest toward the SDI. In a column picked up by

400 American newspapers, Anderson blasted West Germany as "the West's worst security risk," given its purportedly "lax surveillance of technology transfers to the Soviet bloc." Anderson's article, according to the German conservative daily *Die Welt*, aims at "strengthening an atmosphere in public opinion where Americans should exert utmost caution in technological cooperation with the European partners."

Anderson leaked a "CIA report" allegedly depicting West Germany as "the largest single source of high-value Western technology yet secured by the Kremlin." The report is allegedly stamped "not to be made available to foreigners." Anderson, adds *Die Welt*, had already, on Jan. 31, "fingered West Germany and asserted that the Germans had no interest in limiting a highly profitable trade of Western technology" with the Soviets, and therefore opposed any attempt to "give teeth to the Cocom list." The list registers sensitive technologies whose export to the Soviet bloc is embargoed by the OECD nations.

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## **U.S.S.R. attacks Japan's support of 'Star Wars'**

In a commentary dealing with Japanese responses to the upcoming American-Soviet arms-control talks, *Izvestia*, the official newspaper of the Soviet government, wrote on Feb. 4 that Tokyo's officially optimistic reactions "sound false."

"The Japanese government does not intend to give up its traditional policy of playing into the hands of those forces in the U.S.A. who are least interested in the successful completion of the Soviet-American dialogue. . . . Japan has already agreed to the cooperation of Japanese companies with American arms concerns to build the most modern space-weapon systems."

The Japanese must know, *Izvestia* continues, that in Geneva, the solution of the question of space weapons will be of "key importance. Without banning the militarization of space, the talks on the problem of nuclear arms would be deprived of any sense and prospect." To support those who insist on space militarization de facto means complicity with the forces who are striving to

prevent a successful outcome of the upcoming Soviet-American negotiations."

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## **John Gavin insults Mexico—again**

At a speech to the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico City during the first week of February, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico John Gavin said Mexican critics "complain about U.S. protectionism instead of taking advantage of being next to the largest and most open market in the world." He said U.S. trade practices were deliberately distorted in reports by people "committed to the deterioration" of relations.

The *Journal of Commerce* commented: "The unusually caustic tone of his latest remarks, reported widely in the local press, was calculated to rile both private sector exporters and the Mexican trade policy officials' whom Mr. Gavin said 'focus too narrowly on perceived trade problems at the price of overlooking real opportunities to increase trade.'" It continued: "Mr. Gavin's sharp-edged address was expected to spark a fresh round of polemical commentary about his conduct as the U.S. envoy here."

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## **Rockefellers behind cults in Ibero-America**

Nelson Rockefeller and his family's interests are behind the subversive work of American-based Protestant fundamentalists in Ibero-America, reports the West German weekly news magazine *Der Spiegel* on Feb. 4. Although the magazine attempts to twist the facts into a "Yankee conspiracy," the prominence of the Rockefellers in the genocide lobby to which the Catholic Church is a major obstacle leaves little doubt of the meaning of the expose.

Rockefeller, after his trip to Ibero-America in 1968, decided that the Catholic Church was the worst enemy of "American interests" on the continent, reports the weekly. He and his collaborators planned the wave of fundamentalist movements on the continent which have steadily undermined the influence of the Catholics. They

sent paid volunteers and used such pretexts as earthquake relief to funnel millions of dollars into the fundamentalist networks, whose genocidal nature is summarized in such figures as former Guatemalan dictator Rios Montt. *Der Spiegel* cites Montt as well as Paraguayan dictator Stroesser.

### ***New Zealand, Australia support Soviets, Britain***

In measures unprecedented since the ANZUS military pact was set up shortly after World War II, the nations of New Zealand and Australia have refused to cooperate in defense-related matters with the United States. New Zealand's Labor Prime Minister David Lange has informed the United States that U.S. nuclear-powered and nuclear-armed vessels will no longer be given base rights in "nuclear free" New Zealand. The refusal to allow U.S. nuclear armed vessels to dock effectively cancels the scheduled Sea Eagle exercises of the three-way pact.

At the same time, Australian Labor Prime Minister Bob Hawke, in Washington for meetings regarding the ANZUS pact, informed U.S. officials that Australia will in all likelihood not be participating in future U.S. MX-missile tests in the South Pacific. Australia has routinely provided refueling and food facilities for the tests, as well as providing monitoring capabilities for the splashdown of tested MX missiles in the Pacific. Hawke will also shortly be voicing "major objections" to the American SDI program, according to Australian newspapers. Seasoned observers note that the so-called "leftist" governments of the two island countries are taking orders on these matters from the "right-wing" government of Britain's Margaret Thatcher.

### ***Russian Orthodox Church leads anti-SDI drive***

As part of a concerted mobilization of the Russian population and various foreign "peace movements," Patriarch Pimen of Moscow and All Russia renewed his attacks

on beam weapons in a statement to the Soviet news agency Novosti on Feb 1.

He said that it is "the duty of all religions and people" to call for peace as "the sacred gift of life" and to "stop the impending threat of the arms race being spread to outer space."

The next day, Russian Orthodox Metropolitan Antonii, in a statement broadcast in Russian on Radio Moscow, also condemned President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative program saying that the "imperialist circles" led by the United States are carrying out plans to militarize outer space with the aim of achieving a "first-strike capability" against the Soviet people. The Metropolitan called on the upcoming Soviet-U.S. talks in Geneva to overcome the "Star Wars" plans of President Reagan.

### ***Moscow renews attacks against China***

Political tensions between Moscow and Peking have flared up once again, this time over the visit of American General Vessey to China, and over the worsening of relations between China and Vietnam.

On Feb. 1, *Pravda* sharply criticized the expansion of American-Chinese military ties behind "a veil of thick secrecy." The head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Vessey, had been a welcome guest because of his "rich experience" as a participant in the "aggressive wars" of the United States in Korea and Vietnam. *Pravda* spoke of a "strategic partnership" between Washington and Peking.

On the previous day, the Soviet news agency TASS responded angrily to an article in *Peking Review* on Afghanistan, calling it an "unfriendly gesture in the style of official American propaganda." China, TASS claimed, has become the "second center" of the "undeclared war" against Russian satrapy Afghanistan, overshadowed only by the United States.

At the same time, tensions between China and Vietnam are bringing the two countries closer to war. According to the Jan. 30 *London Guardian*, Chinese foreign minister Wu threatened Vietnam with a "second lesson" if it continues its aggressive acts.

## ***Briefly***

● **MILITARY SPECTATOR**, the official publication of the Dutch Army and Air Force Society, published in its February issue an extensive report on beam weapons by Heinz Horeis of the Fusion Energy Foundation (FEF). Horeis is co-author of the recently published German-language book, *Strahlenwaffen (Beam Weapons)*.

● **AL ALAM**, the Moroccan daily newspaper, gave prominent coverage on Jan. 11 and Jan. 18 to the activities of the Schiller Institute. The first report stressed the Declaration of the Inalienable Rights of Man, which attacks the IMF in the language of the U.S. Declaration of Independence. The second report focused on Helga Zepp-LaRouche and her call for an Indira Gandhi Memorial Economic Summit meeting to reform the world's debt structure. The Tunisian daily *Al Amal*, on Feb. 2, published an interview with the Institute's Webster Tarpley, explaining the importance of U.S. beam-weapon development and why Third World countries should support it.

● **BRAZILIAN** President-elect Tancredo Neves on Feb. 5 urged Ibero-American nations to agree on mutual objectives in renegotiating their debts. He told a Mexico City press conference that bilateral negotiations with banks were not enough and that "mutual objectives" should be set. But, as in previous stops in his current continental tour, Neves came out strongly against any debt moratorium or debtors' cartel.

● **ILSE VON GREBMER**, an Austrian noblewoman, hosted a latter-day Congress of Vienna by bringing together many descendants of the original congress participants at a masked ball in Milan in late January. She declared that many world problems would be solved today "if the spirit of the Vienna Congress would be revived."