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## Papandreou's re-election: the 'Sarajevo' of World War III

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As the result of a series of catastrophic blunders and vacillations by the U.S. government, the Greek general elections of June 2, 1985, have moved Greece effectively out of the NATO alliance, and into the Soviet sphere of strategic influence. Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou is a Soviet puppet, and the country is actually ruled by the Soviet ambassador to Athens, Igor Andropov, the son of the former Soviet KGB chief and president.

Even before the June 2 elections, Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou moved toward imposing a military dictatorship. After one Greek police unit intercepted trucks bringing in loads of forged Greek-election ballots from Bulgaria, Papandreou's government intervened to disarm certain local police forces. By June 1, Papandreou-controlled military forces had seized control of key civilian communications-centers. By June 3, deployment of Papandreou's military forces against the civilian population was stepped up.

### Prime Minister Papandreou

The key to Andreas Papandreou, is the shadowy Michel Raptis, aka Michel "Pablo," former leader of the international Trotskyist organization, the "Fourth International." "Pablo" has been closely associated with Papandreou since the present prime minister's association with Trotsky, back during the 1930s. It was "Pablo" who controlled Papandreou during the 1967-74 period. It was "Pablo," whom Prime Minister Papandreou called back to Greece, to supervise the reorganization of the Greek intelligence services.

Pablo, is like Rudolf Hess, Soviet Chekist Henri Curiel, a product of the Levantine exile-community in Egypt. He is, at the same time, a leading Trotskyist, and, together with Ahmed Ben Bella, closely associated with the Lausanne, Switzerland-based Nazi International of François Genoud. He is famous as a gun-runner, broker of forged documents, counterfeiter of U.S. currency, and terrorism-recruiter. While officially Cypriot consul on Algeria, he was appointed minister without portfolio to the Algerian government of Ahmed Ben Bella, and after Ben Bella's ouster, moved into Syrian terrorist operations. He was a key figure in introducing Syrian terrorism into Europe at the point of Yuri Andropov's rise to leadership of the Soviet KGB, and has appeared off and on again in the role of a Soviet Chekist over the years. Inside the Trotskyist Fourth International, "Pablo" was notorious for imitating exactly the organizational methods which Soviet Chekists use to control "front groups." In the trial of confessed Soviet spy Arne Treholt, in Norway, Treholt has disclosed that it was a "New York City cell" of the KGB which initially recruited Treholt to the Soviet KGB; the cell identified is one run by "Pablo" during the 1967-74 period of Papandreou's exile, in conjunction with the exile branch of the Greek Communist Party (KKE).

### Ambassador Monteaale Stearns

Another mysterious figure in the Pablo-Papandreou case, is former CIA figure Monteaale Stearns, currently the U.S. ambassador to Athens. Mutually corroborating reports state, that during the period that Andreas Papandreou reputedly

worked for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, Stearns was Papandreou's controller. The usual public sources provide no significant background-information on Stearns, but the behavior of the U.S. embassy in Athens causes Ambassador Stearns to be viewed as a dubious figure.

EIR's on-the-ground contacts with high-level circles in Greece and strategic specialists on Greece in other NATO countries, show that the reports on the Greek situation being issued from the U.S. State Department have been wildly falsified. This is not necessarily proof that Ambassador Stearns himself is personally responsible for wildly disinforming the President and the defense department on the Greek situation, except that an ambassador with Mr. Stearns' CIA background and connections should have been able to smuggle truthful reports on the Greece situation back to high levels of the intelligence community, and Stearns, in particular, should have known that Papandreou's election-victory would bring the world close to the threshold of World War III.

Mr. Stearns was in a position, as an experienced intelligence professional, to know exactly who and what Papandreou is, and also to know the implications of KGB control over Papandreou's party (PASOK) and government.

Perhaps Mr. Stearns is not personally responsible for the State Department's almost treasonous role in disinforming the U.S. government. He should have realized that the President urgently needed to know the danger of State Department lying, and should have risked his diplomatic career, if necessary, to see to it that the truth was transmitted through the proper regular and irregular channels. He might, at least, have followed the example of the U.S. ambassador to Romania.

### **The Kissinger legacy**

According to all highly placed Greek and specialist sources consulted, the most visible architect of the Greek tragedy is former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. Kissinger's actions, leading into Soviet takeover of Greece, begin with Kissinger's leading role in toppling the government of the "Greek colonels."

The scenario which Kissinger deployed, to overthrow the Greek colonels, and to bring 40,000-50,000 KGB-trained operatives into Greece, began with orchestrating a series of destabilizations of Cyprus, featuring the same Cypriot official who was "Pablo's" backer, and an upsurge of Turkish-Greek conflict on the island. This Cyprus crisis was used to orchestrate the coup against the colonels in Greece.

The next critical phase in the bringing of Greece under Soviet control was the assassination of CIA Athens station-chief Richard Welch. Facilitated through the left-wing U.S. Institute for Policy Studies, and the Eli Lilly-funded Soviet asset Philip Agee, the assassination of Welch was a key part of eliminating CIA effectiveness in the eastern Mediterranean. This assassination, in the context of Walter Mondale's

and Admiral Stansfield Turner's elimination of most of the CIA "human intelligence" capability, made the Soviet KGB the dominant intelligence-force inside Greece in particular, and the eastern Mediterranean in general.

Beginning 1974, and accelerated under the Carter-Mondale catastrophe, the U.S. relations in the eastern Mediterranean and Greece in particular, began to be reversed, away from the aftermath of the Truman Doctrine, in the direction which has led to the Soviet takeover of Greece now. Although Kissinger was more the errand-boy for these policy-changes, than actually the author of the policy-shifts, Greeks and others are right in judging that the ruin of the U.S. strategic position in the Mediterranean has Kissinger paw-prints all over it.

### **Next targets: Turkey and Yugoslavia**

As of June 2, Greece was already out of the NATO alliance in all but name. No doubt, the Soviet KGB will keep Greece technically in NATO for a short time, in order to use Greek threat of pull-out from NATO to blackmail the Geneva arms-negotiations. Now, Moscow has Greece in the status of an associated partner of the Warsaw Pact almost any time Moscow so chooses. However, rather than consolidating that option immediately, Moscow will tend to exploit the Greek situation in each and every way this might be used as a diplomatic bargaining-chip to negotiate U.S. dropping of the SDI at Geneva. We must expect that Secretary Shultz's State Department and Kissinger, will pull every string needed to assist in having the SDI negotiated away.

Greece's formal pull-out from NATO is not necessarily the most immediate threat. The immediate threat, is that Papandreou's re-election will be used for a Soviet-directed coup d'état in Greece, eliminating the tattered remains of the already shattered Greek constitution, and placing Greece under a Soviet-directed secret-police dictatorship. That coup, if it comes, will be a "night of the long knives," as KGB-trained members of families on the KKE side in the Greek civil war take their long-nourished revenge against next-door neighboring families. At that point, the KGB will control Greece from the inside, without fear of serious opposition.

Beyond such rapid deterioration of the internal situation in Greece, the most obvious target will be Turkey. Moscow and Papandreou's government will seek to provoke Turkey into some state of active military hostilities. An orchestrated flare-up on Cyprus is one of the options to be watched closely. Or, some flare-up concerning the Aegean islands will be used as the trigger. Or, a combination of a Cyprus crisis and some Aegean-islands affair. The Turkish government and military are sensitive to the possibility of such provocations, and will not be easily baited. But, given the performance of the State Department recently, and Kissinger's increasing voice in the Reagan administration's foreign-policy negotiations in the Near East, as well as South America and the Pacific, we can

not rule out an early Greek-Turkey crisis of the sort which Papandreou and his KGB masters desire.

Turkey is now placed in a dangerous position. On the south, Soviet-allied Syria is gobbling up the bloody ground of destroyed Lebanon, with complicity of the Bronfman-Riklis-Kissinger-Sharon cabal's grab for total power in Israel. If Prime Minister Shimon Peres and what he represents in Israel, continues to be weakened by State Department and Kissinger operations, Israel will shift away from the United States, toward "realistic" accommodations with growing Soviet regional power in the eastern Mediterranean. Syria itself, apart from being the center of international terrorism today, has a capable and dangerous Sufist intelligence service, as well as a growing military capability in the region. Syria is the center for separatist and "fundamentalist" insurgencies throughout the Mediterranean.

From the north, Turkey's immediate chief threat comes from Bulgaria, which is already making moves preparatory to occupying most of European Turkey. The drift of Soviet-Bulgarian policy is to squeeze semi-isolated Turkey into a deal under which Turkey keeps Istanbul, but gives up the rest of the region to an emerging resurrection of the old Bulgarian empire.

If both Greece and Turkey are pushed effectively out of the NATO alliance, and if Soviet-controlled Iran topples Saddam Hussein in Iraq, and if Syria-Qaddafi insurgency destabilizes Egypt, the U.S. SLBM "second-strike" capability against the Soviet Union is reduced to a total of seven Trident submarines.

The other major threat flowing from Papandreou's reelection, is the threat of dismemberment of Yugoslavia, among Serbia, Bulgaria, Albania, and Venice-Trieste. The key to this is a simultaneous insurgency among the Kossovo, Macedonian, and Croatian regions of Yugoslavia, which impels Serbia to emerge, under Soviet protection, as a newly autonomous state, while Macedonia goes to Bulgaria, Kossovo to Albania, and Catholic Croatia's autonomy is mediated through Venice-Trieste sponsorship.

That is the end of NATO's entire southern flank. This is coupled with Soviet neutralization of NATO's Scandinavian northern flank. Meanwhile, if Genscher pulls down the coalition government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, as Genscher is now openly threatening to do, Soviet-allied Willy Brandt's Social Democrats come to power in West Germany, leading to Soviet "Finlandization" of all Western Europe at a rapid rate. Were the State Department's Richard Burt appointed ambassador to Bonn, these events would now be virtually inevitable.

### **President Reagan's 'Achilles heel'**

The key to the wave of pro-Soviet disasters in recent European elections is President Ronald Reagan's continued support of the monetary and economic policies which his

administration inherited from the Carter-Mondale administration.

The unfortunate fact is, that President Reagan has not the slightest knowledge of what is actually happening in the economies in the United States or world-wide. In all probability, he sincerely believes in a 1983-84 "economic recovery," as sincerely as that the Emperor in the famous Hans Christian Anderson fairy-tale ran naked in the streets, believing he was wearing the world's finest suit of clothes.

Recently, immediately following President Reagan's otherwise successful visit to West Germany, the pro-Soviet Social-Democrats won by a landslide in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, because of the massive unemployment caused in Germany's Ruhr by the President's U.S. economic policies. True, it was chiefly the State Department and Britain's Lord Carrington, Kissinger's business-partner, who enabled Papandreou to carry the June 2 elections; but, it was the economic conditions in Greece, created by Reagan's economic policies, which created the potential for a KGB victory in the first place.

Throughout the world, pro-U.S. governments are falling, because of the President's continued support for the economic policies of the Carter-Mondale administration.

The President says repeatedly, as he said on nationwide television on May 28, 1985, that the United States is in the greatest economic recovery in 30 years. Certainly, the President is sincere; he is sincerely ignorant of the simplest facts. The United States banking-system is bankrupt; the U.S. economy is bankrupt. True, the policy which caused this bankruptcy was the 1972 Azores agreements, the 1975 Rambouillet agreements, organized by George Shultz and Henry Kissinger, and the Volcker policies of the Carter-Mondale administration; but, most of the collapse of the U.S. economy caused by those policies, occurred under the Reagan administration, and the deepest collapse of agriculture and basic industry so far, occurred during the years 1982-85.

President Reagan is a likable person, who has done many good things; but, so far, he doesn't know even the simplest facts about the economy. In performance, his administration has been an economic disaster. It is his economic policy which is delivering the world into the hands of the Soviet empire, perhaps by about 1988.

All Soviet policy is now directed toward destroying the power of the United States, and establishing a Soviet world-empire by the year 1988. On this point, the liberals in the Congress and elsewhere are behaving in exactly the same way Soviet-controlled traitors would behave. But, in economics, the President is his own worst enemy.

The President must clean out the State Department, send Kissinger on a permanent mission to the Galapagos Islands, and clean out the gang of Donald Regan, David Stockman, James Baker III, and Paul Volcker: otherwise, President Reagan will probably be "the last President of the United States."