

International Intelligence

Rajiv Gandhi reveals FBI covering for terrorists

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi attacked the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 5, for withholding vital information from the Indian government on Sikh terrorists operating in the United States. The terrorists were planning to assassinate him, Mr. Gandhi revealed, and to destroy nuclear power plants in India.

Referring to the May 6 arrest in New Orleans of five Sikhs who were conspiring to assassinate the prime minister and other Indian officials during their upcoming visit to the United States, Gandhi said: "We were not told of any of it. . . . Even if it was difficult for the FBI to tell us about the assassination attempt and other things which could have compromised their position, they should have told us about the plotting to attack our nuclear plant."

The arrests were not revealed until May 13. According to an article in *India Today*, State Department security officials, New Orleans authorities, and the FBI held two days of meetings in New Orleans to decide whether to arrest the Sikhs planning to assassinate the Chief Minister for the state of Haryana, Bhajan Lal, who was in New Orleans for medical treatment. The Sikhs were carrying out their final reconnaissance of Lal, and the FBI wanted to wait until they were in the process of the murder attempt—which the New Orleans authorities considered ridiculous.

After the arrests, the FBI wanted to let the terrorists go, on the grounds that they would continue to set up a Sikh security training camp at Columbia, N.J., where an FBI informant was to deliver them weapons. The FBI claimed it intended to arrest all the Sikhs involved at once at this camp.

Gandhi noted that since he had filed an official protest, "American security agencies have been much more cooperative." He made clear that he did not believe the United States to be involved in India's destabilization. Asked whether he believed Soviet charges that Mrs. Indira Gandhi was mur-

dered by the CIA, Mr. Gandhi replied: "We have no concrete indication that the United States government is involved in anything."

PAN pushes violence for elections in Mexico

The Nazi-communist National Action Party of Mexico (PAN) continues to provoke violence in the state of Sonora, paving the way for outright civil warfare if the party does not take control of the state in the July 7 elections.

Brigades of PAN members blockaded the highways connecting eight Sonora cities on June 7, to protest the government's refusal to restore ballot status to 18 PAN mayoral candidates declared ineligible. Closed for almost an hour were the roads to and from Hermosillo, Ciudad Obregon, Guaymas, Navojoa, Nogales, Agua Prieta, San Luis Colorado, and Caboraca.

PAN President Pablo Emilio Madero addressed a rally of 2,000 in front of his Hermosillo, Sonora, offices on June 1, to denounce the electoral commission for excluding the candidates, who had not filed proper papers. Madero denounced the Mexican Labor Party (PLM) for its role in knocking the illegal candidates off the ballot. The PLM "is the tool of the government," Madero said.

The next day, Madero gave a press conference in the border city of Nogales, saying that the PAN did not "want violence," but if its candidates did not win, "I presume that there will be a fight."

Andreas Papandreou: deserter, socialist, kook

Newly re-elected Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, who has announced his readiness to turn Greece over to the Soviets, is getting some bad press in Europe. Papandreou "developed an early taste for Trotskyism" and inherited the "impetuosity of his Polish maternal grandfather—who defected from the Turks to the Greeks," the London

Sunday Times reported June 2. Papandreou "suffers from a skin disease, *lupus erythematosus*, which can affect the psychology and the mood of the patient."

The London *Sunday Telegraph* of June 2 reported how Andreas, a war-time deserter from the Greek army, "spent the war emptying potties in America." He worked as a nurse in a U.S. naval hospital.

Papandreou suffers from the Eastern Orthodox variety of mysticism. At an Athens rally of 40,000, he ranted: "PASOK [the Greek Socialist Party] is something that comes from the 'psyche' of Greeks."

The West German daily *Mainzer Allgemeine Zeitung* described Papandreou as a very special kind of socialist, whose collectivism comes from the Greek Orthodox Church. Said Papandreou: "Rejection of private property is an achievement based on free will. This is being demonstrated by the life in our cloisters. Wherever real socialism exists in the East, collective property is the product of a totalitarian program imposed from above. The only real existing communism, however, is that of Mount Athos." Mount Athos is a wellspring of the Eastern Orthodoxy that is feeding the current Soviet drive for world domination.

Since Papandreou took power in 1981, the Mount Athos cloister has been getting a lot of government support.

Red Army brass elected to the Supreme Soviet

The U.S.S.R.'s Supreme Soviet convenes on July 2, with representation from the military leadership which confirms *EIR's* reports of the thorough penetration by the Red Army marshals of the civilian government of the country. The current Supreme Soviet, the nominal parliament, was elected in February.

Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, commander of the Western Theater of War, though an ethnic Russian, was elected a deputy of the "Nationalities" Chamber of the Supreme Soviet, from the District of Kaunas, Lithuania. The choice was symbolic for the com-

mander-in-chief of military operations against the West. The ground and air forces under his command are based in the non-Russian Byelorussian, Ukrainian, and Baltic republics.

Three wartime commanders-in-chief, General Maximov for the Southwest Theater of War, General Gerassimov for the Southern Theater of War, and General Tretyak for the Far East High Command, were all elected to the All-Union Chamber of the Supreme Soviet.

FEF knocks out Soviets at Paris air show

Soviet participants at the prestigious biannual Le Bourget air show in Paris, were dealt a tactical setback by organizers for the Fusion Energy Foundation, the leading international supporters of the Strategic Defense Initiative. The official Soviet government delegation tried repeatedly—unsuccessfully—to have the FEF representatives removed.

The FEF booth displayed signs calling for reinforcement of the Western alliance, and "For the conquest of space." Prominent was a picture of a laser defense system destroying an attacking nuclear missile. To make the point unmistakable, the FEF added a sign reading: "Better a beam in the air, than an Antonov in the 'derrière,'" with the translation: "Mieux vaut un laser dans les airs qu'un Antonov dans le popov."

The Soviets were displaying their giant Antonov 124 aircraft, the biggest in the show.

Soviet retaliation was swift. Soviet officials began heavy surveillance of the FEF booth, and sent correspondents from TASS and the French Communist paper *L'Humanité*, over to gather information.

Forthwith, a Le Bourget official told the FEF members that they had to take down the offending poster, because the Soviet delegation was threatening to walk out of the show, and that the FEF would be expelled if the poster were not removed.

This decision was revoked after FEF organizers discussed the matter forcefully with

the manager of the air show, and told him what a shame it was to see a French official following Soviet orders.

Portuguese government falls after strike wave

The government of Portugal collapsed on June 4, when the two major parties, the Socialists and the Social Democrats, pulled out of the coalition headed by Socialist Prime Minister Mario Soares. The crisis was precipitated by huge strikes and demonstrations earlier in the day led by the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Portuguese Workers, representing two-thirds of the country's unions.

Long-simmering political and legislative conflicts between the Socialists and Social Democrats have threatened to topple the two-year old coalition for some time. Noticias de Portugal news agency quoted an unidentified Social Democratic source, saying the only way to avoid a "rupture" was for Soares to accept restrictions on agrarian reform and labor laws.

NATO foreign ministers reject 'space arms race'

A meeting of the 16 NATO foreign ministers in Lisbon, Portugal, concluded on June 7, with a resolution that reflected the effort of the arms-control mafia to sabotage European support for the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative. Prepared by the chairman of the session, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and by NATO Secretary-General Lord Peter Carrington, the resolution called for "prevention of an arms race in space and limitation of armaments on earth."

Genscher told the press afterwards that Germany could not support the SDI as long as France did not: "I think the other foreign ministers understand that good relations between Germany and France are essential for the European situation."

Briefly

● **RUDOLF AUGSTEIN**, the publisher of the leading German news-and-porno magazine *Der Spiegel*, was finally found guilty of smuggling 40 grams of hashish through customs at the airport in Olbia, Sardinia, several years ago. A dope pusher who tried to take all the blame on himself to get Augstein off the hook, was sentenced to eight months in prison by Sardinian judges on June 5. Augstein was sentenced to a \$1,500 fine and 16 months, suspended sentence.

● **MEHMET ALI AGCA**, on trial in Rome for his assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II, revealed on June 6 that the East bloc is running terrorist training camps in Syria. "In 1977, I was trained—together with French, Italian, Spanish and German terrorists—in a training camp in Syria called Latakia, by Bulgarian and Czechoslovakian trainers," Agca said.

● **MARGARET THATCHER** has decided to "take action" after receiving a "shock report" on Soviet intelligence operations from the new chief of MI-5 intelligence, Sir Anthony Duff. Whitehall sources disclosed June 2. Duff, now Thatcher's "closest security adviser," revealed that the number of Soviet agents in London has already reached a three-digit number. Moscow has received a private warning that the number of spies must be reduced immediately.

● **THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE** gathered in the Soviet city of Chelyabinsk, to watch for a "Flying Babushka," reports the German Press Agency. The miracle involved an 83-year-old grandmother, who had informed the gossips of the region that she could fly, equipped merely with her broom and potato bucket. Because of the great commotion, the police sealed off the streets, and the authorities were forced to issue official denials of the miracle on state radio. The Babushka was eventually rounded up and brought to a psychiatric clinic.