

National News

Sikh terrorists move from Mexico into Texas

Sikh separatist terrorists operating out of Mexico are using southern Texas as a conduit north, now that U.S. federal authorities have all but closed the Bahamas Pipeline into south Florida, reported the *San Antonio Express-News* on Aug. 11. Sikhs had been flying into Belize, entering the Yucatan peninsula, staging in Mexico City, moving to Monterrey, and then crossing into the United States.

Dwayne Peterson, the deputy district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Miami, declared, "There is no doubt that Mexico is a staging area." The number of Sikhs being detained in Florida has dropped to a "trickle."

Gary Renick, assistant district director for investigations of the San Antonio office of the INS, said that Sikhs were first identified by the Border Patrol in the Laredo, Del Rio, and Eagle Pass sectors about a year ago, and three Sikhs are currently being detained at the Laredo detention facility run by Corrections Corporation of America.

Rangel hails anti-drug war in Ibero-America

Congressman Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.), after a fact-finding trip to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, and Argentina to ascertain the results of the ongoing War on Drugs in Ibero-America, told the press in Buenos Aires on Aug. 14, "We found a very significant interest at the presidential level. The Presidents recognize the seriousness of the problem and want to do something about it."

Two years ago, Rangel reported, most Presidents from the concerned nations would not admit the drug problem existed and they just blamed it on consumers. "Two years ago, they didn't even want to speak about

aerial spraying of marijuana crops in Colombia. Today, they are doing it."

Mexico, he reported, had a model program until 1979. "All of that positive drug effort is now suspended." He said he was worried about the "exceptional crop" of coca in South America this year. "Production is completely out of control."

Navy forms anti-spy, anti-terror command

The U.S. Navy announced on Aug. 8 the formation of the Naval Investigative Service Command, a new unit designed to combat espionage and terrorism. The command will be comprised of three separate directorates—Investigations, Security, and Counterintelligence. It will be commanded by Commodore Cathal L. Flynn, and located in Suitland, Md.

The Navy insists that the new unit was not created in response to the recent spate of espionage cases, including the Walker spy ring, but rather that formation of the new organization had been underway for some time.

DEA's Delta-9 raids a success

The Drug Enforcement Administration's three-day assault against domestic marijuana cultivation, which began on Aug. 5 and swept the 50 states, has been judged a success by law enforcement authorities. The raids, dubbed "Operation: Delta-9," utilized 2,200 federal, state, and local law enforcement agents, and resulted in the manual eradication of approximately 350,000 marijuana plants. More than 175 people were arrested and nearly 75 weapons were seized.

Attorney General Edwin Meese declared that the raids were a signal to drug-producing nations "that we will cooperate with each other and carry out our own re-

sponsibility for eradication." The United States has been the object of sharp criticism by drug-producing countries, for not implementing an effective eradication program at home. Meese told reporters, "We have had ongoing conversations with all the other countries and we have assured them repeatedly that we were going to continue eradication campaigns within this country, just as we are encouraging them to do in their own countries."

The most vocal critic of the Delta-9 blitz was the pro-dope National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), which has also opposed the DEA's request to use the herbicide paraquat to destroy domestic marijuana cultivation. The DEA asserts that it is often more cost-efficient and safer for law enforcement to use aerial spraying of herbicides, than to manually eradicate the plants. NORML's Burt Neal told the *Christian Science Monitor* Aug. 9 that the raids were "nothing but a press set up," and "a photo opportunity" for Attorney General Meese.

However, drug enforcement officials here are much more optimistic about the program. Meese is currently in Mexico meeting with his counterpart Sergio García Ramírez, and had indicated, following the successful conclusion of the Delta-9 blitz, that it would be on the agenda of the Mexico talks. Just prior to Meese's departure, Mexican Attorney General García Ramírez hinted at the possibility of a U.S.-Mexican treaty—similar to the one signed between the United States and Colombia—to eradicate cultivation and narcotics trafficking.

Trilateral agent installed at Pentagon

The Trilateral Commission has succeeded in placing defense analyst Graham Allison at the Pentagon as a "special adviser," to pressure Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger into going along with defense budget reductions.

Allison is one of the Trilateral Commis-

sion's most active members, reputedly involved in the Commission's decision to come out against the MX missile, the Strategic Defense Initiative, and in favor of deep defense cuts. He also serves as dean at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, one of the main "back channels" to the Soviets and a hotbed of appeasement sentiment.

Allison himself says that the SDI is "not promising."

He told the *New York Times* that his Harvard colleagues have a very low opinion of Weinberger, despite the fact that he too was a Harvard grad. "They say he's not very smart, which, of course, is the worst thing you can say about someone in Cambridge," says Allison.

ADL-FBI provocateur sought in bombing case

Mordechai Levi, a shared provocateur-asset of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), who has issued repeated death threats against associates of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., is the prime suspect in a bombing that took place on Aug. 15 and left two New Jersey residents in critical condition.

According to Paterson, N.J. Mayor Frank Graves, a pipe bomb exploded on the doorsteps of the home of Tschurin Soobzokov, critically injuring him and a neighbor, and injuring three other members of the Soobzokov family.

Soobzokov was at the center of a controversy in the late 1970s, when a book written by *New York Times* reporter Howard Blum, accused the Russian emigré of wartime Nazi crimes. The Soobzokov case was one of the prime cases that led to the formation of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI), nominally a "Nazi-hunting" unit of the federal government, which has come to be broadly regarded as a penetration point of Soviet forgeries and black propaganda.

Soobzokov sued the *Times*, and proved in pretrial discovery that the charges against him had been based on forged documents, passed on directly from the KGB. In 1980, the OSI was forced to drop its investigation of Soobzokov, when a federal grand jury declared that there was not enough evidence to warrant prosecution.

Then in July of this year, Soobzokov was targeted by the Jewish Defense Organization of Mordechai Levi. In a press conference in Passaic, N.J., Levi issued a death threat against Soobzokov. Just hours after the Paterson bombing, Levi, in a telephone call to UPI reporter Tom Barnett, "applauded" the attack against Soobzokov.

Within hours after the bombing, the FBI took complete charge of the investigation. This raises serious questions as to whether Levi—an FBI informant—will be brought to justice, and, more fundamentally, whether the FBI's protector role over Soviet-backed terrorist groups will be exposed.

Sen. Melcher blames State for farm losses

Senator John Melcher (D-Mont.) has accused the U.S. State Department of costing U.S. farmers millions of dollars in lost agricultural sales, by placing "unreasonable" and "callous" requirements on foreign buyers, including Kenya, Liberia, the Philippines, Bolivia, and Guinea.

These requirements "follow a pattern from dictating to meddling" in the way these countries are forced to purchase American farm products, Melcher charged at a press conference on Aug. 15. "The State Department calls for the use of private business interests, even when it is impossible for any private entity to handle or store the commodities within the country," Melcher said, adding that virtually all other U.S. trading partners are permitted to handle grain sales, storage, or distribution through government agencies. Melcher announced he will begin hearings on the issue on Sept. 5.

Briefly

● **IN PRYOR, OKLA.**, the Democratic Party was so anxious to turn out the troops that they hung out a sign with the big letters: "Watermelon Festival! Free Watermelon, All You Can Eat!" Then, in much smaller letters: Democratic Party Rally. And finally, at the bottom: Congressman Synar. But somehow news leaked out, and only 30 people showed up.

● **THE SOUTHERN** Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) passed a resolution at the beginning of August condemning the "International Monetary Fund-connected economic collapse" and calling for emergency food relief for Africa. The SCLC's 28th Annual Convention was held in Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 5-8. The same resolution, supported by the Schiller Institute, had previously been passed by the Alabama State Legislature and the National Laymen's Conference of the AME Church.

● **LANE KIRKLAND**, the AFL-CIO president, dropped in for a visit recently to the soup kitchen run in Pennsylvania's Monongahela Valley by Revolutionary Communist Party member Bob Anderson. What did they discuss? Ask Lyn Williams of the United Steelworkers of America. He was there too.

● **ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI**, Jimmy Carter's National Security Adviser, is scheduled to speak soon at the oh-so-conservative Heritage Foundation, informed sources report.

● **THE PRESS** in the home town of Oklahoma senatorial candidate George Gentry, a farmer, asked him how he expects to run a Senate campaign with no money. Gentry answered, "The same way I've been running my farm for the last three years."