

International Intelligence

Belgium may lessen role in NATO

Belgian Defense Minister Freddy Vreven has stated that his country might seek a further reduction in its NATO defense role. At a news conference to present the first white paper on defense since 1977, Vreven said he intended in the long term to repatriate as many as possible of the 30,000 Belgian troops stationed in West Germany and to reduce the number of warplanes committed to NATO, at present 144.

Vreven stressed that any changes would take place in negotiation with the alliance and he called a socialist opposition election promise to withdraw all Belgian troops from the West Germany "not credible at present."

Belgium has already reduced its contribution to NATO's integrated air defense network in Germany, by scrapping two of its six Nike ground-to-air missile units and refusing to buy the U.S. Patriot missile system to replace the remaining batteries.

Pope in strong new attack on abortion

Pope John Paul II delivered one of his strongest attacks against abortion to date, calling it a "repulsive crime" during a visit to Liechtenstein. The government of the Alpine principality is considering liberalizing anti-abortion laws.

The Pontiff gave a series of speeches during his 9½-hour visit, also pledging that the Roman Catholic Church would never relax its opposition to abortion, extramarital sex, or divorce. "The unborn human being's right to live is one of the inalienable human rights," said the Pope.

He also advised the people of Liechtenstein, who enjoy the highest per-capita income in the world, of the dangers of material wealth, which "demands a high moral maturity and responsibility. Otherwise, it only too easily leads to indolence, to satisfying egoistic desires, and to lack of consideration for one's fellow beings."

Greenpeace group works with Aga Khan

The Greenpeace anti-nuclear group, which has proven links to Soviet KGB officials, including top "U.S. handler" Georgii Arbatov, has also been working closely with the "Bellerive Group" of the Prince Sadrudin Aga Khan in Geneva, Switzerland, *EIR* has learned.

An associate of the prince said recently that Greenpeace had helped the Bellerive Group put together its international conference on "nuclear non-proliferation" in Geneva, June 27-29.

Aga Khan, who coordinates the "Is-maili" cult globally, is one of the world's richest men, and funds projects of such genocide-lobby organizations as the Club of Rome, and of the pro-Soviet Pugwash Movement in Geneva. He is also a good friend of Henry Kissinger and of Robert McNamara.

Fifteen Greenpeace activists are now in Geneva, organizing among governments and delegations at the Non-Proliferation Review meeting taking place there. Greenpeace hit the headlines when a ship it was sailing into the South Pacific to protest French nuclear testing was bombed and sank, and French intelligence was accused of responsibility.

Mitterrand visits Pacific test-site

French President Francois Mitterrand signalled his determination to defend France's strategic position in the Pacific by traveling to the Mururoa atoll in Polynesia, the site of upcoming nuclear tests which have been made highly controversial by the bomb-sinking of a ship belonging to the Greenpeace anti-nuclear protest group.

A French President, Charles de Gaulle, last visited the remote atoll 800 miles from Tahiti in 1966.

Various South Pacific nations have demanded an end to French underground test-

ing there. But in a surprise announcement from the presidential palace on Sept. 10, Mitterrand's office declared that the French President would go to Mururoa to preside over meetings of a heretofore-defunct group known as the Committee of Coordination for the South Pacific, comprising all the ambassadors of France in that area. He will also witness the shooting of the French Ariane rocket, in Kuru, in French Guyana.

Mitterrand will be accompanied by Defense Minister Charles Hernu; Minister of Research and Technology Hubert Curien; several French military officers; and directors of the French nuclear program.

The announcement has met with across-the-board political approval in France, the main opposition parties welcoming his action. French Chief of Staff General Lacaze earlier this year declared that the nuclear-testing site in Mururoa, and the French space center of Kuru in Guyana, were "absolutely essential to the maintenance of our technological capability and to the coherence of our defense disposition."

Riots erupt in Birmingham, kill two

Record high 60% unemployment rates in the Asian/Caribbean Handsworth ghetto section of Birmingham, England has led to daily rioting, arson, and assaults on police beginning Sept. 9. Several police have been set on fire by gasoline bombs hurled by rioting youths.

The rioting Sept. 9 and 10 was the worst inner-city violence to hit Britain since the summer of 1981, when there was widespread disorder in 20 major towns. Home Secretary Douglas Hurd dismissed claims by community leaders that the area's high unemployment (55-60% against a national average of 13.5%) was to blame for the violence. "It is above all a crime situation and we are treating it as such. Being unemployed doesn't justify burning and looting other people's property," he said at a news conference.

More than 91 arrests have been made in over 150 incidents of violence, including 23 injuries and at least two dead.

The ghetto is a center of "lawlessness and drug-peddling," charged the Labour MP for the city, Robin Corbett, after the first wave of rioting there Sept. 9. He attacked police for allowing this ghetto to become a center of heroin, cocaine, and marijuana dealing.

Only one night earlier, the Handworth section was the site of a colourful carnival in which 10,000 people danced, including police—as per a concept first invented by Lord Scarman after the 1981 riots, who said the cause of the disorders was that the police were too aggressive. Thereafter, police were subjected to "social behavior" training, endless tea-parties, weekend trips, etc. But now, most agree with the policeman who said: "It is better to solve the unemployment problem than to continue with tea-parties."

Burt keynotes IISS meeting

Richard R. Burt was the plenary session keynote speaker at the concluding session of the 27th annual membership meeting of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the British intelligence think-tank which specializes in disinformation operations. The conference session took place Sept. 12, at the Intercontinental Hotel in West Berlin.

Burt, now U.S. ambassador to West Germany, in the mid-1970s became the first American-passported individual ever to hold the post of IISS assistant research director. It was his first policy speech as ambassador to West Germany; the topic: "Strategic Choices and NATO Alliance Cohesion."

The conference was closed-door, by-invitation-only, and press representatives were excluded. But, while the contents of his speech are not known, Burt is known to favor U.S. military desertion of Europe, called "decoupling" by its proponents, whose "New Yalta" policy prescribes that Europe become a Soviet satrapy.

The conference chairman was Theo Sommer, political editor of Hamburg's *Die Zeit* weekly. Overall conference keynote speaker was Manfred Wörner, West German Defense Minister. Other speakers included German Social-Democratic Party leader Karsten Voigt, an advocate of "decoupling," on, "Strategic Policy Options and Implications for Arms Control and East-West Relations"; NATO Supreme Commander for Europe Gen. Bernard Rogers, on "NATO Doctrine"; and Washington, D.C.-area policy consultant, Dr. Fritz Ermarth, on "The Evolution of Soviet Doctrine."

East Germans involved in 1963 killing?

Did East Germans kill a leading politician of West Germany's Free Democratic Party (FDP) in 1963? According to a book soon to be published, the East German or Soviet secret services killed Wolfgang Döring, the deputy chairman of the Free Democrats, in July of that year.

The accusation has been raised by Erich Mende, the former national chairman of the FDP, who investigated the death of Döring and discovered that hours before his sudden death, Döring had met for dinner with a prominent journalist from East Germany. Mende says the East German most likely poisoned Döring, who died of a heart failure some hours later.

Mende reveals that Döring worked for the BND, West Germany's foreign intelligence service, and would have been a prime target for the Eastern services—not only because of his intelligence position, but his position in his party as well.

It was after Döring's sudden death that the pro-Soviet current in the FDP, around Walter Scheel, Wolfgang Mischnick, current Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and former Interior Minister Gerhard Baum, moved up the ladder in the party. Their ultra-liberal policies are now blamed for opening the government to high-level penetration by East bloc spies.

Briefly

● **ANIMAL SACRIFICES** and pagan cults, not Christianity and the Renaissance, represent the true culture of the Mediterranean region, the concluding segment of a 12-part series on France's FR3 television contended Sept. 10. Historian Fernand Braudel, associated for years with the Paris-based *Critique* magazine, which has published feature material praising the cult of Mithra, put the series together.

● **THE BODY** of a U.S. airman has been found by railroad tracks near the southern German town of Lahr, near the location where another airman's body was found three weeks earlier. A statement issued by U.S. Air Force headquarters said the airman, who has not yet been identified, was found Sept. 10. Pathologists estimated he had been hit by a train and killed a day earlier. In mid-August, another U.S. airman, Staff Sgt. Jerry Hockmann, was also killed by a train while crossing tracks just outside Lahr.

● **THE ADL**, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a political arm of the highest level drug traffickers, is "expanding its activities massively in France," a Paris source reports.

● **LIBYA** is targeting Zairean President Mobutu for assassination, according to reports from knowledgeable European intelligence sources.

● **SAUDI CROWN PRINCE** Abdullah arrived in Syria for a series of meetings Sept. 10. No explanation or statement of purpose was given for the visit. The Prince is a supporter of Soviet-controlled Islamic fundamentalists.

● **THE RETURN OF GOD**, is the headline of the latest cover story of the Italian weekly *Panorama*, which features a picture of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachov along side English cult-poet William Blake's famous etching of God-the-creator.