

# International Intelligence

## **Kissinger hatchetman arrives in Peru**

One of Henry Kissinger's thugs arrived in Peru on Sept. 13, to hold special talks with the García government, ostensibly on the subject of Central America.

Harry Schlaudeman's official post is U.S. special ambassador for Central America, and the García government is active in the Latin American Support Group for Contadora. "There are some discrepancies" that remain between the United States and the Contadora Group, Peruvian Foreign Minister Alan Wagner told the press, after his meeting with Schlaudeman.

As Jimmy Carter's ambassador to Peru in 1980, Schlaudeman had personally ensured the Belaunde-Ulloa administration a "smooth" installation in power. The economy was subsequently transformed into a major drug-producer. García is now in process of crushing the drug traffickers.

## **Pravda calls for more atheism**

The Soviet party paper *Pravda* has called for intensifying atheist propaganda in the struggle against "militant clericalism," linking this to the upcoming 1,000th anniversary of the Russian Orthodox Church.

A lengthy article in the Sept. 12 edition signed by Professor Platonov states that 8% to 10% of the Soviet urban population and a "somewhat higher" percentage of the rural population are "active believers." He calls for an ideological campaign to fight this, above all to prevent "restoration of religiosity" in the younger generation—not by administrative methods but by persuasion.

In reference to the 1988 celebrations, Platonov accuses Western media and publications of using the anniversary as an excuse to sow discord between believers and non-believers in the Soviet Union.

*EIR* suggests that Platonov's article is an attempt to reinforce a common misconception in the West, that there is any difference between the Soviet church and the Soviet

state. The Russians, after all, are not accustomed to accomplishing anything by persuasion.

## **Soviets meddling in Mexico, say businessmen**

The Soviet general consul in Mexico is destabilizing the country, charged the Veracruz Industrial Organization in an ad in *Excelsior* newspaper Sept. 13. The ad requests that the Mexican government take action against Soviet Consul General Ivan N. Goyan for a speech he delivered in Chicontepec, Veracruz on Sept. 10.

Goyan stated that this part of Mexico "must be given a socialist character," that "any political party that wins in this region and attempts to implement development projects must act from a Marxist standpoint."

Relations between the United States and the U.S.S.R. "constantly deteriorate in contradistinction to Russian-Mexican ones, which continue firm," Goyan continued. "We will shortly engage in joint military maneuvers."

## **Thurn und Taxis sues anti-drug group—again**

Prince Johannes von Thurn und Taxis, one of the world's richest and most powerful men, has filed his third lawsuit against those accusing his family financial interests of involvement in drug trafficking and money-laundering, among other very nasty things.

The latest suit is against the West German Anti-Drug-Coalition and the editor of the German-language *War on Drugs* magazine.

Johannes is seeking an injunction against an article that reports on a previous court case that the Prince won. But in that case, the court judged it is fair comment to accuse the Thurn und Taxis family of attempting to "destroy the modern republican state which is based on technological progress in favor of throwing the world back into another dark age."

The editors of *EIR* have accused Johannes of being among one of "the worst boors on three continents" who could pass "for the worst drunken lout of bucolic barbarism," but we are still waiting to be sued by the honorable prince.

Nor has Thurn und Taxis yet dared to contest the published accusation that he threaten the life of Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche.

## **García pledges clean fight against terrorism**

"I am not going to be a cover-up artist; I am not going to be a butcher; nor will I be an accomplice of the homicidal rampage of Sendero Luminoso." Peruvian President Alan García made those statements Sept. 15 at the inauguration of a committee which will advise him on how to pacify the terrorists, seek dialogue with them, and assure that human rights are protected in Peru.

He insisted: "To fight barbarism, you can't fall into barbarism." But he also condemned "some ill-intentioned people" who were trying to use human rights problems to tarnish Peru's image.

He specifically rejected as "counter to our reality, the line that our armed forces, like those of other countries, has acted in a genocidal manner."

## **Soviets give support to 'rights' of AIDS virus**

In the first major statement by a direct Soviet front-organization on the question of AIDS, the West German Communist-controlled group "VVN" says that the AIDS "hysteria" is "an escalation of indifference and repression" against homosexuality.

If you "isolate" AIDS victims—and for that matter prostitutes, drug addicts, etc.—you would be turning Germany back into a Nazi state, VVN declares. The statement, in the form of a lengthy article in the VVN newspaper *Volkszeitung*, was circulated the weekend of Sept. 14-15 at a conference in Hanover, West Germany devoted to attack-

ing the American Strategic Defense Initiative.

The proposals to isolate AIDS victims, as in normal public health procedures, says the article, would throw us back into the Nazi period of the "Rosawinkel mentality"—homosexual Jews in concentration camps were forced to wear "pink triangle" arm bands.

"Aids concerns us all. Let us not hand over the initiative to those who, in the face of the AIDS threat, want to isolate those who have or are threatened by AIDS and re-transform this society into a surveillance state."

### **Thatcher seeks big health lab cuts**

The British government is attempting to cut £37 million from the annual cost of running the Public Health Service Laboratory, by eliminating central responsibility for the 52 laboratories around the country. The plan will hand the labs over to local health authorities, a move that two internationally known microbiologists have condemned.

Ian Phillips and Dr. Robert Blowers, said that the action would be "disastrous."

The PHSs play a central role in attempts to control AIDS, Legionnaires' Disease, and salmonella. All three have been on the rise in Britain.

### **Ambassador Bosworth doth protest too much**

In an uncharacteristic outburst by a State Department official in a foreign country, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Stephen Bosworth on Sept. 19 denounced as "absolutely false" an *Executive Intelligence Review* report that the U.S. embassy in Manila is working to overthrow the regime of President Ferdinand Marcos.

In a speech before the Foreign Correspondents' Association in Manila, Bosworth claimed that *EIR* had a "history of satisfying people's more conspiratorial and paranoid suspicions."

But the ambassador said nothing to allay suspicions in Manila. In the same speech, he effectively pleaded guilty to *EIR* charges that he, on orders from the State Department, is working to overthrow Marcos on a timetable of eight to nine months, or sooner if former Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Fabian Ver, now on trial for complicity in the assassination of Benigno Aquino, is acquitted and reinstated.

Bosworth proclaimed that the Aquino assassination is an "open wound" in Philippine society. "Until some accountability takes place that satisfies the Philippine people," he continued, "it will be an open wound in society and will complicate building a political consensus. . . . Our concern is with the effective leadership of the armed forces and the program to restore its confidence, discipline, and effectiveness."

In addition, Bosworth was unable to refute *EIR* charges that he meets regularly with Acting Chief of Staff Fidel Ramos and is attempting to groom Ramos as a possible coup leader with a U.S.-backed young-officers movement behind him. General Ramos himself stated Sept. 16 that he regularly meets with Bosworth to discuss "the unity of the armed forces." Bosworth nevertheless claimed that he rarely meets Ramos outside of social or official functions and only spoke privately with him several months ago while the two were playing golf.

Bosworth's high-handed self-defense has led to suspicions in Manila that the American ambassador, like the lady, doth protest too much.

In an interview on "The MacNeill-Lehrer Report" television show the same evening, President Marcos warned that U.S. interference in the internal affairs of his country could "boomerang." "I would put a line on intervention in our internal affairs," said Marcos. "Don't you think that this question of pressuring a President can boomerang? It might be the reason for all of this talk about abrogating the bases or renegotiating." He said that he is prepared to test his government in elections, and added: "I am confident because I know exactly how our people feel. We are running surveys almost every month, not just on elections, of course. The surveys include the economic issue as well as the anti-insurgency issue."

## Briefly

● **FIDEL CASTRO** told a Latin American press forum that the Latin American peasant continues growing drugs in order to survive, and denounced any war on drugs, according to *Excelsior* of Mexico City. "So long as the Latin American countryside remains backward, poor, and without possibilities to produce, the narcotics traffic problem will be unable to solve itself" and "repressive measures" should not be taken.

● **PERUVIAN** Foreign Minister Alan Wagner announced in Bogota, Colombia, that he will propose a regional strategy to fight the drug traffic at the Andean Pact regional meeting in Cartagena, Colombia.

● **GUATEMALA** lowered prices and increased salaries in mid-September, among growing unrest. Chief of State Gen. Oscar Mejía Victores announced on national television that all government salaries would be increased the equivalent of \$20 a month and that prices on 45 basic foods would be lowered by as much as 25%. Hospital doctors have gone on strike, while thousands of other strikers have blocked the road to the country's only oil refinery, cutting off gasoline supplies.

● **JUERGEN TODENHOFER**, defense expert for West Germany's Christian Democratic Union, rejected Soviet criticism of the American ASAT test as "the peak of hypocrisy." He said that the Soviets have been conducting such tests for 15 years, even over Western Europe.

● **'NICARAGUA** is fast becoming a terrorist country club, offering refuge to members of the PLO, the Basque ETA, the IRA, and West Germany's Baader Meinhof gang," stated U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese Sept. 19. Meese also repeated charges by the Italian government that Nicaragua was "harboring some of the worst of the Red Brigades terrorists."