

# International Intelligence

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## **Cuban congress may make Raul premier**

The Third Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba opened Feb. 4 in Havana amid rumors that the congress will result in the consolidation of dominance over the government by Moscow-hardliners around Defense Minister Raul Castro.

Communist Party sources "suggested" to Reuters news agency that the post of prime minister will be created, to handle "day-to-day running of the government," and that Raul Castro will fill it.

The congress, originally scheduled for December, was postponed because of wild faction-fighting inside the Party. The result, say reports, was a purge of a number of Fidel Castro's close associates.

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## **Predict massive Soviet peace propaganda**

"I see an enormous spread this year of Soviet peacenik propaganda," a London strategist told *EIR*. "There will be a hell of a lot of movement, in several areas. They'll use the MBFR [Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction] talks in Vienna to convince everybody how nice it is to have U.S. troops out of Europe. They'll move on all fronts, aiming for a summer flashpoint. By then, you can expect enormous marches, targeting all the major establishments in Western Europe, the U.S. military, the German military, the British military, all the Western military."

Soviet peace propaganda is not directed at their own population, however. A UPI wire dated Feb. 4 states that the KGB put an end to an unsanctioned peace group's meeting in Moscow. The "Group to Establish Trust Between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.," was prevented from meeting to respond to Gorbachov's latest disarmament proposals by a dozen security agents. One member later said an unidentified man broke

into her apartment and threatened her and her husband with arrest if they don't stop attending the group's meetings.

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## **Soviet purge moving toward show trials**

The Soviet party newspaper *Pravda*, covering the Uzbekistan Republic Party Congress in late January, has launched the heaviest attack yet made on a senior Soviet party leader from the Brezhnev era. *Pravda* roasted Sharaf Rashidov, who died in October 1983 after heading the Uzbekistan Party for 24 years.

Uzbekistan, with a population of 18 million, is the third-largest Soviet republic.

The nature of *Pravda*'s charges imply that those associated with him may face not simply purges, but show trials of the sort Josef Stalin instituted in the 1930s.

*Pravda* accused Rashidov of having shielded "serious state criminals" and allowing embezzlement, bribery, and falsification of statistics. *Pravda* accused Rashidov of spreading "nepotism," "suppressing criticism," and having created a "cult of positions to serve the first leader."

*Pravda* revealed that 300 officials have already been fired in the extensive purges which began after Rashidov's death. The post-Brezhnev purge in Uzbekistan marks the largest "anti-corruption" purge drive in any of the 14 non-Russian Republics.

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## **'Professional' terror hits streets of Lima**

An unprecedented wave of terrorism has hit Lima, Peru, and President Alan García is now "carefully considering" a response.

Inflammatory chemical bombs exploded Feb. 3 in four large warehouses located in Lima's central commercial district of Jiron de la Union, setting off an immense fire which raged for two days. On the same day,

20 coordinated terrorist attacks were carried out in the city, hitting offices of President García's political party, eight bank branches, and several government offices. Three high-tension electricity towers were blown up, blacking out Lima for several minutes, and explosives placed on the rail line from Lima to a province were dismantled shortly before exploding.

On Feb. 5, a retired Army colonel was gunned down in the streets of Lima, the third attack in less than a week by the "Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement." The terrorists have launched a new stage of "selective assassination," the press reports, against a "hit list" of leading politicians and police and military chiefs who fought Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas in the Ayacucho war zone. A Guardia Civil captain was assassinated Jan. 31, a navy captain was kidnapped, and an army intelligence colonel was killed on Feb. 2.

President García has stated that the government is "carefully" studying measures to respond to the wave of terrorism, which he called "a new violence, very professional and mysterious." The attacks are aimed at making the government appear weakened, said García, and provoking it into actions which are "exaggerated."

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## **Dead: Alva Myrdal, tireless white racist**

The world noted the passing of Sweden's Alva Myrdal Feb. 4. Myrdal, was a tireless advocate since the 1930s of "racial hygiene" policies. She was the wife of Swedish Malthusian economist Gunnar Myrdal.

Known in the 1930s for their support of the Nazi cause, the Myrdals, intimate patrons of present Social Democratic Prime Minister Olof Palme, developed a population profile for the Carnegie Institute, together with Kenneth Clark and others, which laid the basis for the 1960s race-riot projects of the Ford Foundation.

She was among the first in the 1960s to

champion the cause of retrograde "appropriate technology" for Third World nations, and played a key role in development of the avowedly Gnostic pornographic sex education which has dominated education reforms under Palme in Sweden, and more gradually infiltrated curriculums throughout the world.

Alva Myrdal, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, spent her last years in Geneva as a prominent advocate of Soviet strategic positions on disarmament.

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### **García to visit Panama this month**

According to a Peruvian senator, President Alan García will visit Panama Feb. 23-26 to advance preparations for the presidential summit on Ibero-America's foreign debt. García proposed the conference, and Panamanian President Eric del Valle has agreed to host it in the summer. There has not been official confirmation.

Manuel Ulloa's *Caretas* magazine boasted on Feb. 3 that its allegations of links between Panamanian Defense Force chief Gen. Manuel Noriega and the Peruvian drug mafia had blocked García from making the Panama trip.

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### **London threatens So. Africa's Botha**

The *Financial Times* of London ran a lead editorial on Feb. 5 entitled "Botha Leaves Loose Ends." It complains that the South African President's announced program for abolition of apartheid "appears to represent a further substantial step by the government towards the dismantling of apartheid," but that "an examination of the fine print raises many of the old doubts about South African double-talk and coded language."

The pledge to restore South African citizenship to blacks, says the *Times*, is covered by a "fog of imprecision."

The paper concludes with a threat of credit cut-off: "World public opinion and South Africa's international creditors, who are meeting in London later this month to consider proposals for a short-term rescheduling of South Africa's debt, are anxiously waiting for further details from Pretoria."

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### **State Dept. upgrades East German relations**

The U.S. State Department has upgraded the status of U.S. relations with the Soviet occupied zone of Germany. On Jan. 31, Rozanne Ridgway, current head of the Central Europe desk at State, mentioned to European journalists in Washington, D.C. that diplomatic talks with the Soviet puppet regime had grown "quite intensive."

She even spoke of a "considerable positive progress" in U.S. relations with so-called East Germany.

Her statement came one day after Erich Honecker, chief of the communist party in the zone, in an interview in the Federal Republic's *Die Zeit*, emphasized Germany's partition and East Germany's claims to sovereign status and policy as the key to peace in Europe.

Ridgway knows Honecker personally, from the time she served as U.S. ambassador to the zone (January 1983-July 1985). John Kornblum, the U.S. mission chief in Berlin, recently leaked that "secret talks of some importance" had been taking place for some time between the State Department and the Honecker regime.

In the same press briefing, Ridgway stated that there was no fixed timetable for the current German-American talks on cooperation in the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative. Ridgway said there should not be any expectations that an agreement with the German government would be signed "by Easter."

Ridgway, despite her well-known opposition to the SDI, heads the U.S. team in negotiations with the Germans.

## Briefly

● **HOMOSEXUALS** comprise 10% of the population in the Soviet-occupied zone of Germany, according to prominent magazines published there. The magazine *Für Dich* has demanded full political recognition for East Germany's reported 830,000 homosexuals. Intelligence circles in West Berlin say that this report does seem to explain the large number of fairy-stories put out internationally by the Soviet-puppet government there.

● **EUTHANASIA** was condemned in a resolution passed by the Action Council of the Bavarian Churches at the end of January. The statement, which is supported by the Lutheran and the Catholic churches, denounces all measures of so-called "active mercy-killing" or "killing on request" as immoral and against the dignity of man.

● **FOUR SOVIET** diplomats, all said to be members of Soviet military intelligence (GRU), were expelled from France in early February. The Soviet embassy in Paris attacked the move as "manifestly unfriendly and provocative."

● **PRINCE CHARLES'** personal valet has diagnosed for AIDS, and was admitted to a hospital, according to the Jan. 27 issue of the West German daily, *Bildzeitung*. The valet was apparently the same individual whom Lady Di wanted fired, on the grounds that he was too intimate with her husband. Last year, an attendant on the royal family, Lord Avon, died of AIDS.

● **SHIMON PERES**, Israeli premier, during his late January visit to Germany, named Syria and Libya as supporters of international terrorism, but called for sanctions only against Libya. He also called on the Soviet Union to establish diplomatic relations with Israel.