

International Intelligence

Venezuelan police commissioner jailed

The Venezuelan police official responsible for carrying out a raid on *EIR*'s office in Caracas in February 1985, was jailed early this month. Leobijildo Briceno, alias "Amilcar," was fired as commissioner of the DISIP, the Venezuelan political police. He is charged with stealing gold and jewelry from a raid that he and a group of DISIP agents carried out some months ago.

In 1985, Amilcar was assigned the job of arresting, interrogating, and deporting *EIR* correspondents, on orders from the Cisneros family, who feared the circulation of *EIR*'s book *Narcotráfico, SA (Dope, Inc.)* ezuela. The book contains a chapter titled, "The Cisneros Family: the Bronfmans of Venezuela").

Amilcar worked with Judge Ana Luisa Gandica, the judge who issued the judicial order against *EIR*'s correspondents. She also ordered the raids against jewelry stores, from which 3 million bolivars worth of jewels are now missing. Amilcar has been charged with the theft, but his lawyer claims that Judge Gandica—who was relieved of her post on March 13 of this year because of inadequate professional credentials—stole the jewels.

Palau will accept U.S. military bases

The tiny island nation of Palau in the western Pacific has agreed to the installation of U.S. military bases, after years of resistance, in exchange for partial independence and an increase in U.S. economic aid. Palau is east of the Philippines and west of the Marshall Islands.

Palau's President Lazarus Salii said that the deal, worth more than \$3 billion in U.S. aid, was "vital" to help turn his island into a "paradise on Earth" in the next decade. But Senate President Isidoro Rudimch was more

critical: "Our people have opened the door for U.S. bases as an unavoidable evil. There is no other alternative. The big fish always eats the small fish."

The deal is intended to compensate for the anticipated loss of the U.S. bases at Clark Field and Subic Bay in the Philippines, through construction of an arc of U.S. defense installations stretching hundreds of miles from the Northern Marinas to Guam, the Marshall Islands, and Palau. But Palau, with a population of only 13,000 and an anti-nuclear provision in its constitution, is scarcely a substitute for the Philippines facilities. "It's a joke," said one intelligence analyst.

Izvestia 'predicts' Gunnarsson's rearrest

The Soviet government daily *Izvestia* on March 23 predicted that Victor Gunnarsson, an individual who was detained briefly as a suspect in the assassination of Sweden's Prime Minister Olof Palme, will be rearrested soon. How is it that *Izvestia* knows what Swedish police do not?

Since Palme's murder on Feb. 28, the Soviet media began to build the case that the assassination was carried out by "right-wing circles linked to the CIA." As *EIR* established in a feature article published March 28 ("The Soviet KGB Tracks to the Palme Assassination"), Moscow's aim was to pin the blame on Lyndon LaRouche. An elaborate disinformation campaign went into operation, virtually overnight. Soon "respectable" Western news media picked up the false Soviet report that suspect Gunnarsson had been a long-time member of the European Labor Party in Sweden, founded by LaRouche associates. When Gunnarsson was released by Swedish authorities for lack of evidence against him, the Soviet press responded with bitter recriminations.

Izvestia now states that there is "circumstantial evidence pointing to his participation in the crime." However, "if experts confirm . . . that the gunpowder particles

found on Gunnarsson's sleeve are identical to that found on Palme . . . then he's going to be rearrested soon."

Greens call for German decoupling from the world

West Germany's Green Party demands withdrawal from NATO and "decoupling" from the world economy, in the official draft platform which will be submitted to the party's convention in Hanover in May. The draft calls for Germany to become "non-aligned"; for "unconditional withdrawal of all nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons from German soil," for the defense budget to be cut, arms production to be given up, and modern defense replaced by what the Greens call "social defense." The Strategic Defense Initiative is rejected as well, naturally.

The platform also calls for "decoupling from the world economic markets" and for "an autonomous economy based on respect for ecology and nature." Industrial production and energy generation are to be decentralized. Mass breeding of cattle and chicken is to be given up, and a ban imposed on the use of fertilizers in agricultural production. Finally, the program calls for an end to "concentration camps for animals."

Gandhi pressures Britain on Sikh terrorist threat

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has been putting pressure on British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe to introduce a new parliamentary bill for the extradition of Sikh extremists and other Indian fugitives living in Britain, the *Sunday Telegraph* of London reported on March 30.

Indian officials are angry that Britain is being used as the refuge for "Khalistan" separatists, including Jagjit Singh Chauhan, who has boasted that his group murdered the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and would assassinate her son Rajiv the first chance it

got. Indian Foreign Minister Bhandari publicly rebuked Britain on March 31 for allowing Sikh terrorists to operate in London "with impunity."

Howe went to India at the beginning of April to meet with Gandhi and Indian External Affairs Minister Bali Ram Bhagat. His press conference in New Delhi on April 1 was dominated by questions about British refusal to crack down on Sikh separatists; he replied that it would "betray democratic principles" to extradite people because they advocated separatism. "We cannot deliver people who have done nothing but express an opinion," he said.

The British government has appointed Timothy Renton, senior minister of state at the Foreign Office, to supervise cooperation with the Indian government against Sikh terrorism.

KGB emigré lauds Soviet return to 'liberalism'

"Liberals" triumphed over hardliners at the Soviet Communist Party's 27th Congress last month—that is, if you believe an article by Israeli Sovietologist Mikhail Agursky, which appeared in the March 26 *Jerusalem Post*.

Agursky, a Russian emigré, currently works at the Soviet and Eastern European Research Center at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Such "emigrés" do the KGB great service, by spreading "expert" disinformation about the Soviet Union in the West. A few years ago, Agursky privately told this news service, "I represent one faction of the Soviet KGB, which is working against the other faction."

Agursky now writes, on the Party Congress: "Apparently the bitter struggle among the party leadership is far from being resolved." Heralding the supposed decline of the hardline Suslov-Ponomarev group in the Party's "ideological branch," Agursky writes, "It is evident that possibilities now exist for a return to the so-called ideological 'liberalism' of the 1965-66 period, which is now regarded as 'the golden age' of [the]

Soviet postwar era. . . . Perhaps the changes promise a certain modernization in the obsolete official ideology such as growing integration resulting from managerialism, systems analysis, sociology, quantitative methods in Soviet social science and new attempts to find a way out of the Soviet economic impasse."

Agursky's report omits to mention the actual result of the Party Congress: the full-scale mobilization of the Party and government apparatus for a war-economy build-up.

Soviet proconsul in Sweden comes under fire

Boris Pankin, the Soviet ambassador to Sweden, has come under attack in the Swedish Parliament. Pankin, a major-general in the KGB, heads the Soviet intelligence services' Disinformation Department, and orchestrated the international media slander campaign against Lyndon LaRouche, in the aftermath of the assassination of Olof Palme.

The text of a letter written by Pankin in February to a group of Swedish parliamentarians has now been released publicly, by some who felt his meddling had gone a bit too far. According to the daily *Svenska Dagbladet*, Pankin attacked Swedish lawmakers for introducing a bill with a "marked anti-Soviet attitude."

Social Democratic parliamentarian Kurt Hugosson issued an angry denunciation of Pankin's unprecedented intervention, saying it is "remarkable that an ambassador expresses his irritation over a motion made in Sweden's Parliament. He is placing himself in the midst of our internal affairs."

Elsewhere on NATO's Northern Flank, a top KGB-linked official, Boris Pastykhov, has been named Soviet ambassador to Denmark. According to a well-informed source, Pastykhov's responsibilities are "linked directly to KGB disinformation." Pastykhov has been a full Central Committee member since 1978, a distinction claimed only by a handful of Soviet ambassadors stationed abroad.

Briefly

● **HENRY KISSINGER** will visit Venezuela in May, reports the Caracas daily *El Nacional*. One motive for the trip is to arrange the purchase by American Express, on whose advisory board Kissinger sits, of Banco de Comercio, which is now under Venezuelan government control.

● **MANGOSUTHU BUTHELEZI**, South Africa's leading black moderate and chief minister of the KwaZulu homeland, appears to be the target of a frame-up. Individuals said to be supporters of his Inkatha movement staged an attack on the National Education Crisis Committee March 29, resulting in at least two deaths. Buthelezi has been seeking to form a multi-racial trade union to counter the Soviet-backed African National Congress (ANC).

● **WEST GERMAN** electronic technicians are working in Libya, under the direction of East German military personnel, according to the March 26 *Die Welt* newspaper. Libya's radar-electronic technology was built by the West German company AEG-Telefunken, which provided its own technicians. The Libyan bases are manned by East German officers.

● **MICHELE SINDONA**, the shadowy Sicilian financier with links to the Propaganda-2 Freemasons and the mafia, died in prison on March 22, apparently as the result of poisoning from cyanide, which was detected by forensic specialists in the remains of his coffee on April 1. Italian Justice Minister Mino Martinazzoli said he would resign if it turns out that his instructions on the guarding of Sindona were disobeyed.

● **POPE JOHN PAUL II** was denounced by Moscow "Vatican expert" Cecilia Kin, in an article in the Soviet journal *Voprosy Literatury* and in an interview to the Italian daily *La Repubblica*. "I consider Pope Wojtyla an integralist and authoritarian Pope," she said, complaining in particular about his treatment of the Jesuits.