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Soviets hail missiles' accuracy

Soviet strategic missiles have "grown decisively" in "accuracy and effectiveness," boasted Gen. Vladimir Vishenkov, chief of staff of the Soviet Strategic Rocket Forces. Vishenkov, in an article released by TASS Nov. 18, praised the "high level of preparedness" of the Strategic Rocket Forces.

He added: "The reliability of the technology, the accuracy, and their effectiveness in destroying targets has decisively increased."

Vishenkov cites the program of the Communist Party for its emphasis: "Everything will be done to exclude the forces of imperialism from attaining strategic superiority."

Gandhi designates García honored guest

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi invited Peru's Alan García to be an "honored guest" at India's Republic Day on Jan. 26, *El Peruano* reported Nov. 16. In a warm letter of invitation, Gandhi told García:

"I have enjoyed reading your speeches and writings which you so kindly gave me in Harare. They have permitted me to have a vision of the new Peru, combining the best of its culture in the things provided by the modern civilized world . . . a Peru which radiates a message of freedom and justice."

Gandhi also reported that India is proposing that the Non-Aligned Movement create an "African Fund," to finance "urgently needed projects" in the "front-line states" bordering on South Africa.

French billionaire seeks unilateral disarmament

France's newspaper of record, *Le Monde*, gave a half-page to "red billionaire" Jean-Baptiste Doumeng, to call for unilateral

French nuclear disarmament and a unilateral French military pullout from Africa.

The page-two op-ed is ostensibly centered around a Doumeng proposal for increasing employment and wages in France, but, the financing of the proposal would include the following:

- "Liquidate all nuclear weapons, for these serve neither for deterrence nor, in case of misfortune, for national protection. They are an idiocy of a military and political character directed against the Soviet Union. . . . I am persuaded that there is no military risk of war nor of invasion from the Soviets for France. Multiple declarations, from the Soviet authorities, and as reflected in the declarations of the highest French authorities, corroborate this point of view. Finally, the stopping of French atomic arms would launch a policy of nuclear disarmament in the world, in relation to the Soviet Union and the United States."

- "Suppress all interventions of a military character by France in Africa, the Middle East, or elsewhere. It is a question of bringing an end to all the agreements for military aid, because France has, certainly, other means than arms to justify its civilization toward the countries of the Third World, on the cultural as well as the economic plane. The French army should be reinforced only to assure the security of our country."

Buthelezi, in U.S., attacks sanctions

Chief Mangosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi, the leader of 7 million Zulus and chief minister of Kwazulu/Natal, said on "CBS Morning News" Nov. 20 that Americans "have a right to express their abhorrence to apartheid," but insisted that economic sanctions are ineffective to induce change and "hurt black people more."

"Each time [you] put the questions of sanctions against South Africa before my people, they reject it," he said. "So as a democrat, I get my cue from those I represent, you see, with whom I consult."

The White House has announced that

Buthelezi will hold meetings Nov. 24 with Reagan, Bush, and Shultz. He was in New York Nov. 19, and will be visiting Texas, Florida, and California, as well as Washington, D.C. where he will address the National Press Club.

Pope arrives in Bangladesh

In the first stop on a two-week trip through Asia, the Pacific, Australia, New Zealand, and the Indian Ocean, Pope John Paul II arrived in Bangladesh Nov. 20. He will go from Bangladesh through Singapore and the Pacific island state of Fiji, to New Zealand and Australia, before returning via the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean.

Islamic fundamentalists in Bangladesh have created a tense situation for that nation's 180,000 Roman Catholics. Christians are now allowed to preach and propagate their faith, Father Jyoti Gomes of the Christian Communication Center in Dacca said, but "I don't know what will happen when Bangladesh becomes an Islamic Republic."

The Muslim population is celebrating the birth of Muhammad the week of the Pope's visit, so the Pope will not enter the city center. He will not celebrate Mass in Dacca's big national stadium, but rather in the army stadium, in the well-guarded military area.

Gorbachov's number-two hails nuclear-free zone

The Soviet Union's chief ideologist and Gorbachov's right-hand man on the Politburo, Yegor Ligachov, announced a "four-phase" plan for a northern European "nuclear-free zone" at a press conference Nov. 13 in Helsinki. Ligachov announced that phases one and two were already implemented by Moscow:

- 1) The Soviet Union has removed all "medium-range missiles" (i.e., land-based missiles with greater than 1,000-km range) from the Kola Peninsula.

Briefly

2) The Soviet Union has removed "a large part" of its short-range (i.e., land-based missiles with up to 1,000-km range), involving "several battalions with short-range missiles" from the Leningrad and Baltic Military Districts. Ligachov did not say where the "removed" missile battalions are.

Moscow is ready to "remove all submarines with ballistic missiles" from the Baltic Sea, Ligachov said, if NATO agrees to keep Scandinavia and the Baltic Sea nuclear-free.

This proposal costs Moscow nothing, as it conforms to a 1983 Soviet military plan to replace all ballistic-missile submarines in the Baltic with cruise-missile-carrying submarines.

The fourth point was an offer to limit the size of Soviet military maneuvers in the region, if NATO would do likewise.

Scandinavian diplomats said the following day that Ligachov's announcement that the Soviets have withdrawn medium-range missiles from the Kola Peninsula had come at a time when governments' sympathy for the nuclear-free zone project was growing in the area, particularly in Norway.

Patriot design ad to shake West Germany

"It Smells of Treason" is the headline of a hardhitting ad which the Patriots for Germany will soon publish in German newspapers nationally. The ad should effectively break the "conspiracy of silence" imposed on the activities of the Patriots, who are now in the final phase of signature collecting to be placed on the ballot for national elections Jan. 27.

The ad simply states: "We are determined to prevent that part of our Fatherland which is still free from falling into Moscow's hands. . . . We are firmly convinced, that the majority of our citizens are ready to fight for our freedom, if they are told the truth."

The patriots have directed friends internationally to mobilize around these German elections, to guarantee that the Patriots' campaign strikes a deep chord within pa-

triotic forces in all Western European nations, whose very existence is threatened by Moscow's attack on Germany as well.

"The Federal Republic of Germany and our freedom are in the gravest danger. Those developments of which we Patriots have warned for over one year have come to pass: The Soviet Union has come dangerously close to realizing its chief goal, to extend its hegemony over West Germany and thus over Western Europe as a whole," the ad reads.

"The decoupling of western Europe from the U.S.A. is now being heatedly discussed behind the scenes and on both sides of the Atlantic. The 'Zero-Solution' in Reykjavik testifies to this, because it means the withdrawal of American medium-range missiles. At the same time, a debate is raging over the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Europe to cut costs. . . .

"Christian Democratic parliament deputy Friedmann has proposed, without prompting any protests, that the Federal Republic leave the Alliance and move for a nebulous 'reunification' just like the 'Stalin note' Moscow proposal in 1952. His 'reason'? According to him, the defense of the Federal Republic can no longer be financed! The majority of the state princes of the Christian Democrats support this proposal secretly, and only intend to let the cat out of the bag 'after the elections.'"

Soviet subs believed in Norwegian waters

Norway is convinced that Soviet submarines operating from their base in the Kola peninsula are staging regular forays into Norwegian waters. "We do not know what their specific aim is," Maj.-Gen. Dagfinn Danielsen, Commander Allied Land Forces, North Norway, told a group of journalists recently.

"It could be to see where our surveillance equipment is placed. They could be checking out navigation conditions. They could be working out the chances of bringing in 'spetsnaz' [special forces] in wartime. It might even be for them to get deep water fixes to fire missiles with greater accuracy."

● **GREECE**, for the first time in history, has been visited by a Soviet Black Sea fleet commander. Soviet fleet visits to Greek ports are not exactly a novelty, but, this time around, the squadron is commanded by Vice-Admiral Mikhail Khronopoulo, the commander of the Soviet Black Sea Fleet since the spring of 1985.

● **CYRUS HASHEMI'S** body may be exhumed. William Kunstler, lawyer for Nico Minardos, one of 19 defendants in a plot to illegally ship U.S. arms to Iran, is seeking to have the body of Hashemi exhumed, saying there is a "strong possibility" he was murdered. Hashemi sued *EIR* for reporting his role in covert arms shipments, and then dropped the case. Before his death he emerged as a key figure in the present U.S. scandal over Iranian arms shipments.

● **NATO**, to the surprise of Norway's socialist government, will hold a new multinational naval task-force maneuver off Northern Norway late in November. The task-force, consisting of seven destroyers, is in a constant state of battle readiness.

● **NATO'S** General Assembly in Istanbul Nov. 17 refused to elect the left-wing Social Democrat Lasse Budtz of Denmark chairman of its parliamentary group. This is the first time in NATO history that the person nominated was not elected. The Dutch conservative Ton Vrinkind was chosen.

● **U.S. ARMY** Chief of Staff Gen. John Wickham arrived in Peking Nov. 16 in the latest in a series of high-level military exchanges between the two nations. Wickham is the first U.S. Army Chief of Staff to visit communist China. He told reporters that his trip aimed at furthering the "good relations" between the two countries' militaries and getting a first-hand look at the world's largest army, with more than 3 million troops.