

International Intelligence

Ethnic troubles hit India again

Authorities in India placed the army on alert status in New Delhi, after rioting Hindus sacked Sikh homes and shops in a backlash of Nov. 30's worst-ever massacre of Hindus by Sikh terrorists. In Punjab, six gunmen hijacked a bus, forced off all the women and those men believed to be non-Hindus, and killed the others.

Then, Sikh extremists killed 10 more people in India's Punjab State, bringing the death toll to 34 in two days. The police said they arrested two hard-line Sikh leaders, including the former chief minister of Punjab, Prakash Singh Badal, in the latest wave of Sikh violence. The arrests coincided with a one-day strike called by the right-wing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party in New Delhi, to protest against the killing of bus passengers in Hoshiarpur on Nov. 30.

Rioting and general strikes in New Delhi and other northern areas of India were the result.

Meanwhile, there have been signs of a split within the Congress Party over the government's efforts to restore order in Punjab. It was reported that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is considering imposing more control in Punjab, perhaps using the army.

German peaceniks ran 'protection' scam

The West German "peace movement" solicited and received "protection" money in connection with their big 1983 demonstration in Bonn, the district-attorney of the city announced Dec. 2.

A person now working as an adviser to Social Democratic Party head Willy Brandt, who was a member of the "coordinating committee" for the 1983 demonstration, sent letters to business leaders demanding that they pay 1,200 marks, or have their names appear on posters declaring that they didn't pay the "solidarity charge."

This letter garnered 150,000 marks for the peace movement. Now, after a court case on the extortion affair, the peace movement has had to pay a fine of 3,000 marks—quite a profit.

Radio Moscow praised a major component of the "peace movement," the Green Party, for its denunciation of U.S. military policy, reporting that at the Green Party Congress in Cologne, "300 delegates denounced the United States for its militaristic policy and called for disbanding military alliances."

Vesco exposed for Costa Rica operations

Robert Vesco "uses our national territory to shelter part of a drug-trafficking organization which operates from here at his service," Costa Rica's newspaper of record, *La Nacion*, announced Nov. 30.

Local and international authorities are convinced that Vesco, believed based in Havana, Cuba, under the protection of Fidel Castro, has traveled to Nicaragua several times, and from there, "enters Costa Rica clandestinely," *La Nacion* reports.

One of Vesco's lieutenants operates out of Costa Rica, under the protection of several former government officials. Another of his top people, says *La Nacion*, is a U.S.-born Costa Rican whom U.S. authorities are seeking as the mastermind of trafficking to the United States and Europe.

Call for calm in the Philippines

New Philippine Defense Minister Rafael Ilto said Dec. 1 that the cease-fire agreement just concluded with communist rebels should be given a chance. Ilto made his call a day after the Communist Party said that the 60-day truce, which starts Dec. 10, is too short.

Ilto said that some officers might not agree with the truce, but the military should unite and support it: "Let us have one policy

line in matters of national security, and let everybody adhere to that line as far as the public is concerned."

But Philippine communist rebels did little to maintain calm when they seriously wounded a mayor and eight companions in an ambush Nov. 30. The attack took place on Mindanao, and is not technically a violation of the cease-fire, since that does not take effect until 10 days after the incident was recorded. Mayor Nazario Omandac, his wife, son, and others, were attacked by New People's Army (NPA) guerrillas, who set up roadblocks and planted land mines beside the main road to Davao.

Petition OAS on attacks on LaRouche

The President of the U.S. branch of the Schiller Institute, Webster Tarpley, presented the second of two petitions to the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights of the Organization of American States (OAS) on Dec. 1.

The Schiller Institute is a foreign policy and cultural association, founded by the German political figure Helga Zepp-LaRouche.

Tarpley's appeal to the OAS Inter-American Commission on Human Rights cites the numerous human and civil rights violations of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man that have occurred as a result of two raids Oct. 6 and Nov. 20 against businesses operated by associates of LaRouche. According to Tarpley, if these types of human rights violations are allowed to crush the political views of LaRouche, then the last glimmer of humanity that has existed in the West will soon perish.

Tarpley documented the extraordinary force used in the raids—which included SWAT team-style helicopters, armored vehicles, attack dogs, bomb detonating units, and 325 heavily armed, machinegun-toting federal agents. While businesses were raided, according to security consultants con-

tacted, the preponderance of force used suggested that the real target of the Leesburg raid was the nearby house in which LaRouche himself is staying. Had such an attack occurred, according to Tarpley, the federal agents would have surely provoked a bloodbath.

Tarpley further elaborated on the illegal political witchhunt that is now taking place within the United States. This has included declaring financial contributors "mentally incompetent," to prevent them from making further contributions to political efforts associated with Lyndon LaRouche.

Mr. LaRouche is known throughout Ibero-America for his "Operation Juárez" program, a counterproposal to the hideous malthusian and genocidal "conditionalities" policies of the International Monetary Fund.

Colombian drug runners face excommunication

Colombian Bishop Alberto Giraldo told a press conference in Bogota Nov. 28 that the just-concluded Bishops' conference there had voted to excommunicate individuals known to be involved in drug trafficking. In response to a question from *EIR*, Giraldo said that drug trafficking destroyed lives as much as abortions, and was as deserving as homicide of canonical penalty. He said such a decision would not involve public naming of names, as in a "black list," any more than practitioners of abortion were publicly named by the church.

"This remains in the realm of the conscience and of the Sacraments," said the bishop. The bishops merely want to inform such a sinner that "we no longer consider you Catholic and therefore the Sacraments are not for you."

The Bishops' conference concluded that society is facing drug-related "social and political deterioration," referring to kidnapping, subversive violence, and terrorism. They lament the lack of "just" responses to unemployment. They criticize the political disputes of both the Liberal and Conservative parties, saying that the welfare of the

country should be above "merely partisan interests."

Drug-traffickers were quick to react. *El Tiempo*, the newspaper published by former President Alfonso López Michelsen, scoffed at the Colombian Church for unanimously approving excommunication of drug traffickers, murderers, and kidnapers. Colombia is Catholic in name only, *El Tiempo's* editorial stated Dec. 3, and the drug traffickers who poison our youth are hardly likely to concern themselves over excommunication. "Perhaps there remains something intimate left over from what they learned as children in each subversive and each narco."

Israel in turmoil over 'Irangate'

Israeli politics has been plunged into turmoil over the "Irangate" revelations exploding in the United States, not least because all the revelations are coming from the United States, beyond any Israeli's control.

The official government "damage control" policy now appears to be centered on blaming the United States for everything. In an official statement released Dec. 3, the Israeli government distanced itself from the White House, by insisting that all of its arms shipments to Iran were done under White House authorization and request.

But Industry minister Ariel Sharon, writing in *Ma'ariv* Nov. 28, stated that in his view, Iran should win the war with Iraq. He argues that Israel's policy toward the Gulf has been misrepresented; it is in Israel's interest that "Iran win the war against Iraq. A victorious Iran will not forget the longstanding and historical relationship between Iran and Israel." An Iranian victory, which would lead to the dismantling of Iraq, would be no threat to Israel, says Sharon, "granted that both Syria and Jordan will serve as a buffer zone" between Iran and Israel!

But, says Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Israel and the United States have a strategic relationship, and it was only in that framework that arms were delivered to Iran.

Briefly

● **STATE DEPARTMENT** officials criticized the South Korean government Dec. 1 for thwarting a New Korea Democratic Party (NKDP) demonstration scheduled for Nov. 29. Charles Redman insinuated that the Seoul government had breached its own constitution by sending riot police onto the streets to halt the rally.

● **HONDURAN COCAINE** czar Juan Ramón Matta Ballesteros handed out 100 lempira notes as he walked out of jail Nov. 30, absolved by a Honduran court of all charges of murder and drug-trafficking. Matta "escaped" to Honduras from Colombia, where he faced extradition to the United States on charges of masterminding the 1985 assassination of U.S. DEA agent, Enrique Camarena.

● **A DUTCH COURT** has approved the extradition of two IRA terrorists. Brendan McFarlane and Gerard Kelly were arrested in Amsterdam last year for weapons smuggling. Both had escaped an Irish prison in 1983 while serving life sentences for terrorist bombings and murder.

● **SAUDI ARABIA'S** monarch is expected to undertake a pro-American reshuffle of his cabinet as a result of an ongoing meeting of the "Royal Council." Intelligence sources say King Fahd will replace Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal, who will be demoted to "Oil Minister," with Prince Bandar, the present ambassador to Washington.

● **THE MOSSAD**, Israeli foreign intelligence, was behind the West Berlin night club bombings last spring, according to a story in Germany's *Der Spiegel* picked up by the *Washington Post* and *Boston Globe* on Dec. 3. German intelligence believes that the two terrorists convicted for the disco bombings were Mossad agents, as are the Hindawi brothers, responsible for an attempted El Al hijacking in London.