

# International Intelligence

## ***Philippine rebels deny link to German Greens***

Antonio Zumel, a leader of the communist-backed New People's Army in the Philippines, gave a press conference on April 14, denying that East Germany was channeling funds to the NPA through the West German Green Party. The charge, made by *EIR* Contributing Editor Uwe Henke v. Parpart, was widely publicized in the Manila press. Zumel called Parpart's statements "a cover for American interference in the counterinsurgency."

"Our revolutionary movement is basically self-reliant," he said, "but welcomes international support, especially given U.S. input into counterinsurgency."

Zumel threatened that Americans involved in counterinsurgency would become targets of the NPA "Sparrow Units"—assassination teams.

Meanwhile, NPA leader Jalandoni admitted publicly, during a visit to the Netherlands, that the NPA has received money from the Greens. "But it is only used for office equipment," he said.

In Manila, Heinz Kotte, a visiting Green professor at the University of the Philippines, denied Green funding of the NPA and that the Greens receive money from East Germany. "The Greens want disarmament," he said, "and the Green Party ties to East Germany are based strictly on neutrality."

## ***Germans in dispute over zero option***

A factional dispute has emerged in West Germany, over the recent round of disarmament proposals by the Russians, centered on the so-called zero option—removal of all intermediate-range nuclear missiles from Europe, the U.S. Pershing II and cruise missiles and the Soviet SS-20s.

Willy Wimmer, parliamentary defense spokesman for Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), voiced opposition to the "zero option," and said it did

not matter that the proposal was supported by Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and his Free Democrats (FDP), Kohl's coalition partners, since Chancellor Kohl would have the final say.

Genscher's FDP reacted by accusing Wimmer of "stepping out of the arms-control consensus." Then, Alfred Dregger, CDU parliamentary leader, defended Wimmer, saying he had only emphasized "the critical points in the current zero option debate."

Defense Minister Manfred Wörner (CDU), addressing an German-American Atlantic Bridge meeting in West Berlin April 10, voiced "strong reserve against an isolated zero option agreement in Geneva." Such an agreement must include a solution to the problem of Soviet short-range missiles and the Warsaw Pact's conventional superiority.

## ***Thais warn social democratic think tank***

Representatives in Bangkok, Thailand, of West Germany's Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the think tank of Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD), have run afoul of the government of Thailand for meddling in the country's internal affairs.

Foundation representatives were called into the Thai foreign ministry and ordered to "cool it," as the press put it, if they want to remain in Thailand.

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation has been caught working with the World Council of Churches and with the "Voltaire of Thailand," Social Democrat Kukrit Pramoj, in an attempt to overthrow the government of Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanond.

In heavily funded seminars it holds for trade unionists, the social-democratic foundation has pushed demands that Thailand end all "big projects," i.e., economic growth, and reach an accommodation with World Bank malthusianism. The seminars have become more political over the recent period, with the Foundation spokesmen attacking the government. Hence the summons to the foreign ministry.

## ***Hundreds of millions in U.S. aid to Syria***

Syria has received more than \$250 million from the United States, ostensibly to stop the production of opium in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, reported the *Sunday Times* of London on April 12.

But few believe that Syria is stopping such production. Middle Eastern intelligence sources report that the Syrians have primarily been burning crops belonging to rival groups, especially those belonging to former President Camille Chamoun's militia. Whatever was not burned was seized by the Syrian army itself and is expected to be sold by Syria.

Few believe that stopping opium production is what the U.S. money was actually for. Syrian sources have described the \$250 million as part of a broader understanding between Damascus and Washington over Lebanon and the hostages.

## ***One of FBI 'most wanted' worked for North network***

A Syrian terrorist who is among the "most wanted" by the United States was part of Iran-Contra supply operations being run out of the U.S. National Security Council by Lt. Col. Oliver North.

Syrian "businessman" Munzar al Kassar may hold the key to such affairs as the *Pia Vesta*, a Danish ship with East German arms on board, intercepted by Panamanian authorities last year before it could off-load those weapons to Contra fighters.

Kassar was the partner of a British weapons firm, Hall and Watts Defence Sales, Ltd., that sold weapons to the Contras on behalf of North's "Project Democracy" operations, the London *Observer* revealed April 12. Hall and Watt acknowledges making a \$2 million deal with Kassara. Kassara was directly paid by Lake Resources, a front run by Gen. Richard Secord as part of Project Democracy's financial cut-outs.

However, Kassara, who has offices in

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Marbella, Spain and Vienna, Austria, specializes in smuggling East bloc weapons.

Kassar is also on the list of "most wanted men" by the U.S. Justice Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration, which has ordered an "all ports" watch for Kassar. He is wanted in several terrorist cases, including a 1984 case involving British subject John Berry, convicted of producing and selling timers to terrorist organizations.

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### ***Fundamentalist violence feared in Jerusalem***

Amid recent clashes between Israeli settlers and Arab inhabitants of the West Bank, there has been a reactivation of Jewish fundamentalist groups, notably those fanatics associated with a project to rebuild Solomon's Temple atop Temple Mount in Jerusalem, now an Islamic holy site. The project includes a plot to demolish the Dome of the Rock mosque.

The *Jerusalem Post* revealed March 26 that illegal Israeli digs have quietly continued under the Temple Mount, which could lead to an outbreak of religious violence in Jerusalem.

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### ***Peruvian press in furor over LaRouche visit***

Lyndon LaRouche's six-day visit to Lima at the beginning of April has created an uproar in the Peruvian press, with some promoting his economic proposals, and others—notably those linked to former Prime Minister Manuel Ulloa—denouncing him from pillar to post.

The newspaper *El Comercio* published a lengthy interview with the U.S. presidential contender on April 13, under the title, "Unavoidable Bankruptcy: Warns Economist LaRouche." In their introduction, the editors stated their "frank disagreement" with attacks by LaRouche on "Peruvian political figures," but said that they "fully agree with his proposals on the foreign debt. . . . LaRouche's position is an addition of true

importance to reaching a solution to the problem of the foreign debt for the international economic order."

*La República*, a daily that advocates legalization of narcotics, attacked LaRouche on April 13 as a "fanatic Zionist and anti-communist." The paper accompanies its attack with a picture of the Spanish edition of *EIR*'s best-selling book *Dope, Inc.*, with the following caption: "This book is as serious and important as the document 'The Sexual Impotence of the Puerto Rican Communist Party,' of which he is also author."

*Oiga*, a "right-wing" weekly which has supported every military coup threat against President Alan García, ran a six-page attack on LaRouche, accusing him of being a "Marxist and anti-Semite."

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### ***French intelligence said to know KGB spy goals***

The French counterintelligence service, the DST, is in possession of the "annual plan of intelligence" of the Soviet KGB, according to the April 11 *France Soir*. The "annual plan" defines objectives in intelligence-gathering over the year.

The KGB annual plan, says the French publication, is directly supervised by Soviet leader Gorbachov and has set a goal of 90,000 Soviet spies worldwide. All recent espionage events are related to the coming into power of the KGB itself under direct control of Gorbachov, *France Soir* contends.

Among the facts reportedly now known to the DST as a result of obtaining the plan, is that 244 French firms are infested with KGB spies. Of the 244 companies, 10 are involved in energy, 26 are in space technologies, 22 in computers, and 21 in agricultural research.

The KGB is not seeking to recruit "master spies," says the report. The new KGB strategy is said to be deployment of "smaller fish" who are collecting less complete information but in a much larger quantity. This enables the KGB to cross check a lot of information and complicate adversary counterintelligence.

● **PANAMA'S** Gen. Manuel Noriega was awarded a bronze medal of honor by the International Police Organization (Interpol) April 10, at a conference of law enforcement officials from 23 countries on improving coordination in the war on drugs in Ibero-America and the Caribbean. Noriega, the chief of Panama's defense forces, has been the target of a slander campaign, notably by U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.).

● **RAYMOND BARRE** is now Moscow's choice as next President of France, informed French sources tell *EIR*. Through a deal worked out with Barre, Moscow will give him 2-4% of the French Communist Party vote in 1988. Barre's uncharacteristic recent opposition to Soviet arms proposals, and his talks with Soviet "dissidents," the sources stress, are part of the necessary camouflage.

● **A FRANCISCAN** priest's speech at a banquet in Jerusalem has touched off a small religious crisis in the holy city. The priest attacked the Israeli authorities for displaying a "total lack of courtesy and lack of correctness" in dealing with Christians—failing to respond to requests for security at churches, and tax exemption. Fr. Carlo Cecchitelli, head of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land Mission, was summoned to the Ministry of Religious Affairs for an explanation.

● **MIKHAIL GORBACHOV**, in a speech in Prague on April 12, spoke publicly for the first time about the threat of the AIDS epidemic to humanity as a whole, and called for international cooperation to fight the disease. The speech was broadcast over Soviet television.

● **ANTI-AIDS** measures have been introduced by the Mexican Navy, the country's navy minister announced April 14. A "testing program at ports" will also be introduced, to intercept AIDS carriers entering the country.