

International Intelligence

Austrians 'furious' at slanders of Waldheim

Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky met with President Ronald Reagan in Washington on May 21, and told a press conference afterwards that he felt it was "not likely" that the United States would change its decision to place Austrian President Kurt Waldheim on the U.S. Department of Justice's "watchlist," because of allegations that he was involved in Nazi atrocities during World War II.

Vranitzky pointed out that the ban on Waldheim's entering the United States had never been subjected to the due process of law. "Your country and ours apparently have two different kinds of law," he said. "We do not have an institution of a 'watchlist.' We identify with something that could be called a 'sentence.'"

"Vienna is Furious With the Americans," was the headline of a May 17 article in the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera*, describing the meeting in Vienna between officials of the U.S. Justice Department and the Austrian Justice Ministry. A spokesman for the Austrian government reported that the U.S. delegation "did not present any documentary proof for their charges, but only repeated unproven charges generally known to us from the media."

Angry commentaries have appeared in the Austrian press, such as an article in the *Wien Kurier* on May 19. Author Sebastian Leitner wrote: "The method: First you pour brown mud over Waldheim, slander him as a Nazi and war criminal. Then you export this garbage as so-called 'revelations' all over the world. Then, the special envoy of the U.S. 'Watchlist' Ministry only brings hot air back to Vienna, no proof, not even charges—who cares? . . . People demand that he [Waldheim] fall on his knees, and lick this garbage, which others threw on him, with his own tongue, or disappear from this Earth. And all because the so-called 'reason of State', the so-called 'will of the people' demand it?"

The phrase "will of the people" is a reference to the Nazi "legal" code.

East bloc aids Turkish terrorists

Turkish intelligence units have determined that Bulgaria, Libya, and West Germany's Red Army Faction (RAF) terrorists have extended aid to the Kurdish separatist/terrorist group PKK, which is trying to destabilize Turkey.

According to the Turkish daily *Milliyet* May 9, PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan contacted Bulgarian embassy officials in Syria in 1984 to secure support, asking for arms, in return for cooperating with the Bulgarian secret service. The current Bulgarian-PKK effort to establish a clandestine radio station to beam into Turkey, is one result of this cooperation.

The PKK is being trained in Libya, and receives cash donations from Colonel Qaddafi's coffers. RAF militants have been attending PKK meetings in West Germany.

Bonn reveals communist role in Berlin riots

The West German Ministry of the Interior issued a report on May 19, documenting an increase in the activity of the West German Communist Party (DKP) and related front groups in 1986. The report also includes a statement on the communists' role in inciting the recent riots in West Berlin, which left nearly 200 policemen injured.

The DKP has been most active in protest actions against U.S. missile bases, according to the report. Its membership rose to 63,000, as compared to 61,000 the year before, which is also due to increased labor organizing. The DKP has established 400 factory committees, targeting the "military-industrial complex."

The SEW, the communist party of West

Berlin, has a membership of 6,500. Both parties, and their various front-organizations, received funds from East Germany's ruling Socialist Unity Party, estimated at more than 65 million deutschemarks in 1986.

Accompanying the report is an official addendum by interior ministry undersecretary Carl-Diether Spranger, exposing the role of the Soviet-backed parties in the West Berlin "May Day" rioting. "A few days ago," he states, "violent riots of an unprecedented scope broke out in Berlin. An orgy of violence that has no precedent, occurred there. . . . It is certainly not accidental that these riots started out at public events that were arranged by the Berlin Alternatives List and the Berlin branch of the communist ruling party of the G.D.R. [East Germany], the Socialist Unity and Workers Party of West Berlin (SEW)."

"Although these organizations do not explicitly endorse violence, they do encourage violent acts committed by anarchists, at least through their support for these groups."

Strauss mocks arms-control debate

West German Christian Social Union chairman Franz-Josef Strauss mocked the debate over a "zero-option" arms deal, at a press conference in Munich on May 19. Chancellor Helmut Kohl had charged that "shrill tones" from "critics of the zero option" (like Strauss) had ruined two state elections on May 17 for Kohl's Christian Democrats.

Strauss ridiculed Kohl's "total zero-option" proposal for removal of all intermediate and short-range missiles from Europe. "I also want to get into the history books now. I am—please note this down—for the total zero option not only for missiles, but also for tanks, artillery, and combat aircraft."

Strauss also lashed out at President Reagan: "Toward the end of his term, the U.S. President obviously wants to go on historical record with a grand peace settlement. This is what is behind this whole debate on

zero and zero-zero options.”

In the same press conference, Strauss threw some light on the byzantine goings-on during Germany's recent local elections (see Report from Bonn, page 54). In the May 17 state elections in Hamburg, said Strauss, “Well, let me put it this way: The Christian Democrats (CDU) gave votes to the Free Democrats (FDP), so that the FDP would be enabled to form a coalition with the Social Democrats (SPD). These CDU votes helped the FDP back into the city council. This is not to say that the FDP did nothing: They agreed, after all, to take official posts in a coalition with the SPD. This, I would say, shows a completely new role, a funny role, for the CDU.”

Trilaterals said to be split on SDI

The Trilateral Commission, the conspiratorial grouping founded by David Rockefeller and friends in 1973, officially wants to stop President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, and break up the U.S.-European alliance. But some members object to this, or so claimed the Italian newspaper *Il Giornale* on May 15.

Reporting that the anti-SDI decision was taken at last year's Madrid Trilateral Commission meeting, the newspaper quoted member Faillant de Villemarest to indicate that, at that meeting, there was a split between “the financiers,” led by Rockefeller, favorable to a neutralized Europe linked to the Russians, and “the industrialists,” more favorable to maintaining the alliance with the United States. It said that a similar split exists between the industrialists and the “big five” food cartel corporations, exemplified by the split in Italy between Fiat magnate Gianni Agnelli, favorable to the SDI, and Raul Gardini, chief of the Ferruzzi food production group, favorable to reaching agreements with Russia over Africa.

Agnelli reportedly warned, at the recent elite Bilderberg Group meeting in Cernobio, Italy, against putting too much trust in

Gorbachov's good offices. The following day, Agnelli went to the Carabinieri officers school in Rome and warned against the “temptations to maintain equidistance” between East and West and against the idea of a “neutrality of Europe.”

German Catholics decry 'glasnost' pogroms

Pogroms against Christians are still a reality under Mikhail Gorbachov's *glasnost* (openness) policy, charged the Central Committee of the German Catholics, in a resolution released to the press in Bonn on May 15.

In implied criticism of those who are planning to join in celebrations of the 1988 millennium of the Russian Church, the resolution states: “Many seem to overlook that there is not just the 1,000th anniversary of the Russian Orthodox Church, but also the 600th anniversary of the Lithuanian Catholic Church, which still lives under conditions of severe repression.”

Official Soviet policy on the Church, the resolution states, is still “Lenin's verdict that religion is a system of false notions of the world, from beginning to end.” There are still questions to be posed on Gorbachov's *glasnost* campaign, warned the Catholics.

By contrast, West Germany's Protestant Evangelical Church (Lutheran) has issued a statement emphasizing: “West German society must be free from anti-communism, must be ‘de-enemyized.’”

So states the draft of a new Lutheran policy platform, which will be the centerpiece of the church's convention in Frankfurt in mid-June. Among the West German population, there is “still too much continuity of devastating thoughts of the past,” too much “anti-communism in church and society.” Even more dangerous, states the draft, is a trend away from “acceptance of collective guilt” for the Nazi crimes against the Soviet Union, and a “reluctance to go toward a relation of real friendship with the Soviet people.”

Briefly

● **SHIMON PERES**, the Israeli foreign minister, met with Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin at the Washington home of World Jewish Congress head Edgar Bronfman on May 17. The 90-minute meeting was termed by Peres “constructive and even warm.” Discussion reportedly centered on the proposal for an international peace conference on the Mideast.

● **DAVID KIMCHE**, the former director general of the Israeli foreign ministry and a principal in the covert arms sales to Iran, was subpoenaed by independent counsel Lawrence Walsh while in New York on business May 21. The Israeli government is reportedly furious, because if Kimche refuses to testify, he faces an indictment for contempt of court. Kimche is currently the foreign affairs adviser to the World Jewish Congress.

● **‘IF THEY WANT A WAR . . . they will have a war,’** said Peruvian banker and former economics and prime minister Manuel Ulloa, in response to his indictment for abuse of authority, crimes against the public faith, and illegal management of funds. He said the charges against him were fabricated and politically motivated. Ulloa recently returned to Peru, and is working to overthrow the government of President García.

● **GORBACHOV** has deliberately timed his visit to East Berlin at the end of May “to upstage the Queen,” who is visiting West Berlin around the same time, the *Daily Express* claimed on May 20.

● **RAISA GORBACHOVA** is holding an art show in Moscow, financed and organized by American billionaire Armand Hammer.