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French students ready to defend Germany

About 53% of the French students who took part in a recent survey said they are ready to die to defend West Germany from Soviet aggression.

The poll was recently published by the Information and Public Relations Service (SIRPA) of the Army of France, and concerned the attitude of students toward the armed forces. The results were deemed a surprise, showing that the sense of patriotism and military duty is far from lost among French youth.

Seventy-six percent favored a Western military alliance, 49% were for an alliance with the United States, and 27% for a European alliance.

An invasion of West Germany is considered by 53% of the students to be a *casus belli*, and reason enough to put their own lives at risk. Forty-seven percent are in favor of a modernized and expanding French nuclear force, while 77% said they think that France cannot be defended without its nuclear deterrent.

Libyan terrorist cited in Pan Am bombing

A flurry of international press speculation and "leaks" from the world's intelligence services is charging that a Libyan terrorist code-named "The Professor" was responsible for the bombing of Pan American Flight 103 over Scotland. Investigators believe that the bomb was carried on board in West Germany by a Lebanese student, Khalid Jaafar, according to a report in the London *Sunday Express* March 19.

Another report in the March 20 *Washington Times*, based on the *Express* item, said "The Professor" "was known to have flown into Bonn from Greece on Dec. 13, and that visitors to his hotel room had included a passenger on the ill-fated Pan Am flight, Lebanese student Khalid Jaafar."

Investigators believe the student unwittingly carried the bomb when he boarded the Dec. 21 flight from Frankfurt to visit his father in Detroit. According to the *Sunday*

Times, "The Professor" is a master forger, who gained his expertise in explosives through training in Moscow. He trained others for two years in Syria at the headquarters of the Abu Nidal group.

He is also suspected of being the mastermind of the terrorist attack on the Greek cruise ship *City of Porros* in August 1988, in which nine people died, and of involvement in the shooting deaths of two persons outside the Iraqi embassy in Paris in the mid-1970s.

"The Professor" arrived in West Germany under the name Petel, and made contact with an Iranian diplomat who arranged for him to work out of the Iranian embassy in Bonn. He left West Germany on Jan. 6, some 15 days after the Pan Am bombing. He was last seen driving a car with West German plates in Lisbon, Portugal.

More than a dozen suspected members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) were arrested in West Germany in October 1988. Among the weapons found by police in the raid, was a Semtex plastique bomb hidden in a cassette player, believed to be identical to the one that exploded on board Pan Am Flight 103 a few months later. Press reports indicate that some of the people arrested in that police raid were freed. West German authorities have failed to provide any explanation.

Red Army opposed Afghan invasion?

Soviet Gen. Valentin Varennikov, who recently was named deputy minister of defense and commander of Soviet land forces, said in an interview with the weekly *Ogonyok* that both he and Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov warned the Kremlin against large-scale intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979. Varennikov claimed that he had argued in vain for a more limited operation.

Varennikov headed the Soviet Ministry of Defense's operational group in Afghanistan for four years. He criticized Babrak Karmal, who became Afghan president after the Soviet occupation, as a "demagogue." *Ogonyok* describes Varennikov as the man "who practically guided the withdrawal" of

troops from Afghanistan.

"It is a fact that the general staff was against the idea of sending the troops to Afghanistan up until the time when it was decided," Varennikov said. He said those opposed included Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, then Chief of the General Staff, and now commander of Soviet forces in the Western Strategic Theater of War, facing NATO forces.

Baker promises Delvalle continued U.S. backing

"I told President Delvalle that there cannot and will not be any movement toward normalization of relations between the U.S. and Panama as long as Gen. Manuel Noriega retains power," U.S. Secretary of State James Baker told the press after a meeting with former President of Panama Eric Delvalle, March 22. On a separate occasion, another State Department spokesman said the U.S. would not recognize the results of a fixed election that left Noriega with effective power. This is the first time that the U.S. has put itself on record as defining a victory of the pro-government candidate Carlos Duque as *ipso facto* proof of vote fraud, declaring it still won't recognize Panama's government even after Delvalle's term would have expired.

Icelanders compare Greenpeace to the Nazis

The Icelandic government is fighting back against an international campaign by the Greenpeace environmentalist organization to boycott Icelandic fish. The campaign is being run on the pretext of a protest against "seal-hunting." It is badly hurting the Icelandic economy, which is completely dependent on exports of fish.

On March 17, Iceland Foreign Minister Hanibalsson said that what Greenpeace was doing "reminds one of the Nazi campaign against Jewish shops in the 1930s."

At the same time, an Icelandic journalist, Magnus Gudmonson, has put together

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an explosive television show on Greenpeace, based on two years of investigative work. He said that Greenpeace's propaganda on seal-hunting is faked. Often, according to Gudmonson, Greenpeace pays people to bash baby seals over the head to create an international scandal that it can then protest against!

Said Gudmonson, "A clean environment begins with clean hands." This is causing an uproar in parts of Scandinavia, but Greenpeace has yet to file a libel suit.

Where does Greenpeace get its money? In March 1989, Greenpeace received approximately \$10 million in revenues from a record album released in Moscow that was made by British rock stars. The rest of the approximately \$20 million in total went to the Soviets' International Foundation for the Survival of Humanity, which includes Greenpeace representatives on its board.

Greenpeace is part of the "network" of the Lucis Trust, formerly Lucifer Trust, one of the elite Satanist organizations in the West.

American begins hunger strike at Dachau

The morning of March 18, Geoffrey Steiner, an American of German-Jewish descent, began a hunger strike in Dachau, West Germany, in support of the immediate release on appeal of former presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. and six co-defendants, who are being held in a U.S. jail pending appeal of their Jan. 27 conviction on assorted "conspiracy" charges.

Steiner issued the following statement from Dachau.

"I am an American of German-Jewish descent. My father was born in Berlin-Charlottenburg and left Germany shortly after the *Reichskristallnacht* [Night of Broken Glass pogrom] in 1938. . . . I am conducting this protest at the commemoration site of the former concentration camp in Dachau, the worldwide symbol for Schachtian economics and race hatred, for two reasons. First, Lyndon LaRouche has devoted his entire life's work to the idea that there are no limits to continued growth of population, and that assertions to the contrary are based on the blasphemous idea that morality and eco-

nomics are irreconcilable. Second, I am doing this because I want my fellow Americans to reflect that Dachau could happen to us—in New York, in California, in Colorado—and will, if U.S. administration policies on domestic and foreign debt are not reversed.

"I am talking about the logical consequence of former Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm's policy towards the elderly: patricide. I am talking about the revival of the racist doctrines of the Pioneer Club variety, and lastly, I am talking about the stockades, like at the border with Mexico.

"If this is the kind of America you want, 'benign neglect' for AIDS and 'free trade' for drug pushers, then walk on by. If not, then help me free Lyndon LaRouche and my six colleagues so that the American Beacon of Hope can illuminate the Temple of Liberty for all mankind."

Socialists gain in French local elections

The second leg of the municipal elections, held in France on March 20, confirmed the broad lines of the first: The ruling Socialist Party made breakthroughs, consolidating its influence, expanding into regions previously immune to a left vote, and retaining its position as France's most powerful party. The election saw the elimination of most of the wartime and postwar generation politicians. Many a mayor of 20 or 30 years, such as de Gaulle's Prime Minister Michel Debré, or the mayor of Lyons, was wiped out.

There was a remarkable display of voter distrust for all the parties' national leaderships. In Marseilles the incumbent mayor was reelected, after he had been expelled from the Socialist Party. In Lyons, young neo-Gaullist (RPR) Michel Noir, who has a rebel image, overwhelmed his opponents.

For the first time, the National Front, of ultra-right populist demagogue Jean-Marie Le Pen, will be represented in 143 of the 392 towns with populations over 20,000. The more middle-class protest vote went to the Green Party, which increased the number of its city council seats sixfold, with votes as high as 20%. The French Communist Party lost 15 major towns.

● **JAPAN'S** former Deputy Prime Minister Shin Kanemaru will visit North Korea in late March to iron out details of a return visit in July by him and Japanese Socialist Party Secretary General Makoto Tanabe. Secret talks between U.S. and North Korean representatives in December and January in Beijing have fed Japanese suspicions that another "Nixon shock"—the former President's surprise 1972 visit to China without notifying Japan—may be in the works.

● **COLOMBIAN** Indians have protested the grant of some of their lands to M-19 guerrillas as part of a "peace treaty" signed with them by Virgilio Barco's government.

● **ALFREDO CRISTIANI**, the President-elect of El Salvador, has stated that he favors reducing the nation's army from 56,000 to 12,000 as soon as the war with leftist insurgents is brought to an end. That is one of the demands issued by the insurgents, with whom Cristiani says he favors immediate negotiations. Cristiani is widely viewed as a compliant tool of the U.S. State Department.

● **IRAN** has agreed to large weapons purchases from Romania and Czechoslovakia, according to unidentified sources cited by Reuters. Iran is said to be considering purchases of tanks and missiles, and contracting for the construction of a new naval base on Qesh Island in the Strait of Hormuz.

● **WEST GERMAN** President Richard von Weizsäcker attacked Bundeswehr Inspector General Adm. Dieter Wellershoff for the latter's recent attack on Mikhail Gorbachov. Weizsäcker said that "holding on to enemy images" when Gorbachov is spearheading "the biggest and most promising transformation of Soviet policy ever" would "harm the reputation of the Bundeswehr."