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U.S., Soviet military will sign pact

Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. William Crowe, who instituted the "military-to-military" dialogue with Soviet Chief of Staff Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, is expected to sign a pact with the Soviet military entitled, "The Prevention of Dangerous Military Activities." It is intended to prevent accidental military confrontations from growing into wider conflict or nuclear war.

The pact was negotiated by secret teams of the U.S. and Soviet military officers, and it was recently approved by the White House and the Soviet political leadership, according to the *Washington Post* June 7. The agreement's key paragraph specifies that "the parties shall take measures to ensure expeditious termination and resolution, by peaceful means without resort to the threat or use of force, of any incident which may arise as a result of dangerous military activities."

Crowe, who supervised the negotiations, is slated to sign the accord during an 11-day visit to the Soviet Union.

In a background briefing on June 7, Crowe stated that he considers the Soviet Union a "potential adversary," not an enemy. "When you say 'the enemy,' I don't know quite what that means," he said. "Maybe they're your enemy. They're not my enemy. I'm a military man and we do what we have to do, but I don't particularly look at them as an enemy. Incidentally, the last major war we were in, they were our allies."

Brazilians enraged over U.S. ambassador

The expected Bush administration nomination of Richard Melton to become the U.S. ambassador to Brazil, has provoked protest from that nation's government.

While Melton, a crony of former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-Amer-

ican Affairs Elliott Abrams, has not been formally named, it is known that he has been given the nod by President Bush, which caused the Brazilian foreign minister in late May to make it known that his government considers Melton to be an interventionist thug, suitable to serve only in a "banana republic."

Off the record, a presidential spokesman told Reuter that "the case is causing unease. The Brazilian government really would not like this diplomat to come here. . . . We are hoping that the information being leaked will make the U.S. give up on him. . . . Brazil considers that the attitude of the U.S. in choosing Melton as ambassador to Brazil is one which diminishes its status."

One of the leaked reports is a letter written by one Ricardo Zarattini, an aide to a Brazilian congressman, who claims that Melton personally interrogated him in a Recife jail in the late 1960s when he had been arrested by the military. "In the many instances of violence I have suffered during the dictatorship, none struck me more than being interrogated by an agent of a foreign government," he stated in his letter.

Israeli cabinet minister meets PLO official

Israeli Science Minister Ezer Weizman met a senior official of the Palestine Liberation Organization who was representing PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in Geneva on June 2.

Weizman, the founder of the Israeli Air Force and a former defense minister, is the first cabinet minister ever to meet a PLO official. At present, the Israeli government prohibits any contact with the PLO.

In an interview with the weekly newsletter *Middle East Insider* in February, published in *EIR* on March 17, Weizman explained why he believes Israel must negotiate with the PLO. To overcome the impasse in which it currently finds itself, Weizman said, Israel will have to find "a de Gaulle."

In a related development, Abie Natan, an Israeli peace activist, will go on trial June

26 for breaking a law against meeting with terrorist groups, after he met Arafat in Tunis in September 1988.

Shimon Peres, Israel's vice premier, called for Arabs in East Jerusalem to be given the right to vote in elections that would choose Palestinian representatives to negotiate peace with Israel.

AIDS spreads rapidly throughout Soviet Union

At least 70 people were infected with AIDS in two hospitals in the Soviet Union when nurses used the same syringe to give injections to several patients, Dr. Vladimir Pokrovsky, president of the Russian Academy of Medical Science, said June 1 in Montreal.

Speaking at a meeting organized by the American and Canadian Medical Associations, Pokrovsky said that money for AIDS control is being cut in the Soviet Union while the number of infections *tripled* in the last three years.

The Soviet government has required testing for criminals, female prostitutes, and patients and doctors suspected of having AIDS. Tests are required for persons entering the country from Africa and other suspected high AIDS infection areas, as well as Soviet citizens who travel abroad for more than three months.

People who knowingly spread the virus face prison terms of up to eight years. "The Russian AIDS outbreaks are of great importance," said Dr. Jonathan Mann, the head of the World Health Organization's global AIDS program, "because they were the last place in the world where one would expect an outbreak."

CAP says terrorists welcome in Venezuela

Venezuelan President Carlos Andrés Pérez declared June 1 that "It's an error to call 'terrorists,' a group of Basques who . . . had to be exiled from their country for the sole reason that they aspire for the indepen-

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dence of the Basque region.”

Pérez was specifically referring to a group of 10 members of the ETA, an explicitly terrorist organization to whom CAP gave temporary exile in Venezuela at the request of Spanish authorities who wanted them out of Spain.

Pérez welcomed terrorists to come to Venezuela. “I am pleased to have been able to give exile to this group of Spaniards who came to Venezuela. Basques live here who have the same position as those who have just arrived and they never have caused the country any trouble. Therefore our country . . . has the door open for all those who for one reason or another cannot live in their country.”

Observers note that CAP’s statements have heightened fears that his invitation will be extended to “narco-separatists” and narco-terrorists throughout the Andean spine region.

Italian art prize goes to LaRouche associate

Art historian Dr. D. Stephen Pepper, a long-time collaborator of Lyndon H. LaRouche, will receive the Luigi de Luca national prize, awarded in Italy for the best art book of the year, for his *Guido Reni*, published by the Istituto Geografico de’ Agostini di Novara. The book is a study of the Bolognese painter Guido Reni (1575-1642), who carried on the tradition of Raphael in the 17th century.

The prize is awarded each year to a single art book without restrictions on the topic or style of the book. Dr. Pepper will receive the award on June 24 in Matera, in the south of Italy.

Dr. Pepper is a specialist in Italian Renaissance and Baroque art. In 1985-86, he served as guest curator at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., for the exhibition of paintings of Emilia, “The Age of Correggio and the Carracci.” More recently, he was a major contributor to the scholarly catalogue accompanying the Guido Reni exhibition that took place in Bologna, Italy, the Kimbell Art Museum in Ft.

Worth, Texas, and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Greenpeace exposed as fraud, blames LaRouche

Icelandic journalist Magnus Gudmundsson brought his campaign to stop Greenpeace’s economic warfare against Iceland and other Scandinavian countries to the United States on June 8, with the first U.S. showing of his documentary film, *Survival in the High North*. The press conference took place at the National Press Club, under the sponsorship of *21st Century Science & Technology* magazine.

The most explosive part of the documentary is the footage showing how Greenpeace staged the torture and killing of seals in order to get “good footage” for their fund-raising films. Two environmentalist bigwigs are shown agreeing that seals and whales are their best money-raisers (\$4.5 million was raised this way for Greenpeace from June 1982 to June 1983 alone).

The film has created a furor where it has been shown in Europe, and in one case, Gudmundsson broke up an international environmentalist conference by showing it, with Greenpeace members tearing up their memberships in disgust. Greenpeace is frantic, but, as Gudmundsson pointed out, they have not sued—they have only threatened to sue—and they follow him around wherever he goes.

Greenpeace’s frenzy was evident in two leaflets they passed out at the press conference: One was titled “Good morning, You have been conned,” and started out with the following: “The screening of this film has been sponsored by the publication *21st Century* . . . part of the Lyndon LaRouche empire. . . . Greenpeace intends to pursue legal action against its producers for defamation under U.S. law as well as in other countries where the film has been shown as a legitimate documentary.”

Gudmundsson told the Greenpeace representatives that he was ready for a suit anytime they were. He is negotiating to get the film shown on U.S. television.

● **KIM DAE-JUNG**, the South Korean opposition leader, has announced his backing for U.S. troop cuts in his country, leaving only Air Force and intelligence units.

● **SOVIET** Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has called for the 1991 U.N. global conference on the environment to be given powers of enforcement. “Giving the conference decisions an obligatory juridical status in the form, say, of a framework global convention, would make it possible to ensure strict observance of the rules of an ecologically pure common world home by all states,” he wrote, in a letter to U.N. Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar.

● **PRIVATE EYE**, a London magazine which has exposed the Iran-Contra links of President Bush and others, scandal, has been fined £600,000—about \$940,000. The jury decision May 24 came after the wife of the so-called “Yorkshire Ripper” accused the magazine of libel. Industry magnate Tiny Rowland is reportedly preparing to offer to pay the fine and take over the publication.

● **YUGOSLAVIA** is “the greatest single crisis in Europe, of which no one seems to want to talk,” according to William Griffith of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, speaking at a conference in Loccum, West Germany. Martial law is being imposed right on the European continent, in the province of Kosovo, he pointed out.

● **MARGARET THATCHER** warned the West not to be taken in by Gorbachov’s latest propaganda ploy about cutting Soviet defense spending. Speaking to the House of Commons on June 7, she said that, despite Gorbachov’s claim that the Soviet defense budget was twice that previously admitted, the fact is that reliable estimates show Soviet defense spending to be *at least twice as much again*.