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Gorbachov says U.S., Soviets now 'partners'

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachov, meeting with Adm. William Crowe, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff in Moscow on June 21, announced that Crowe's visit "demonstrates that we are moving from the notion of enemy to the notion of partner." "To be more precise," Gorbachov said, "in the plans of the Joint Chiefs of Staff we are still considered adversaries. But the process seems to be moving along new lines, and this is very important."

The meeting took place at the end of Crowe's 11-day tour of the Soviet Union, during which he visited Soviet military installations.

Gorbachov also took the opportunity of his meeting with Crowe and U.S. Ambassador Jack Matlock to accuse unnamed U.S. personalities of being "cold war recidivists." He said that some people in the United States still backed "nuclear intimidation," an attitude he called a "hangover from the past."

At a press conference later, Crowe declined to comment on Gorbachov's "partnership" statement, on the grounds that he did not want to "take issue with a head of state." But he did say that his visit had convinced him that "Soviets are a great deal like Americans." He said that "the most overwhelming impression" he had received on his trip was an understanding of the "searing" impact of World War II on the Soviet psyche. "This trip has given me an idea of the tremendous sacrifices made by the Soviet Union," he said.

Soviets mapped invasion routes during NATO tests

Soviet military officers took advantage of their "inspection" of a NATO maneuver to look for suitable invasion sites in Denmark, according to British intelligence officers quoted in the Danish press on June 22.

In accordance with the Stockholm "con-

fidence-building" agreements, four Soviet officers led by Col. V.D. Ermilichev inspected the NATO "Avenue Express" maneuvers in Denmark. As part of the agreement, the four Soviet officers had two cars and two helicopters at their disposal. But instead of following the 6,000 troops from the Allied Mobile Force, the Soviets ordered the helicopter pilots to fly over the Southern Sealand coastlines, the Danish Baltic Islands, major bridges, natural terrain obstacles, and other features important for a Soviet invasion of Denmark.

The Soviet officers reportedly showed no interest at all in the tactical display of the maneuver, but focused their attention on the NATO supply lines in Denmark.

Polish demonstrators: 'Down with Communism'

Demonstrators marched through three Polish cities on June 22, calling on Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski to resign, Reuter reports. About 3,500 people marched through the city of Wroclaw chanting "Jaruzelski Must Go" and "Down with Communism" and speaking out against his expected candidacy for the new post of state president. Opposition sources said up to 4,000 protesters marched through the city of Katowice, but riot police prevented them from reaching Communist Party headquarters.

According to Polish exile sources in England and West Germany contacted by *EIR*, the next eruption in the Soviet bloc could very well be in Poland, as early as August. The dynamic of continued economic collapse and mounting austerity leaves no other course open to the desperate population.

A key adviser to Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, Prof. Bronislaw Geremek, on a visit to Britain, was quoted in the London *Guardian* on June 20, emphasizing how critical the situation had become: "Economically, we are in a disaster situation, on the brink of catastrophe. . . . Solidarnosc's most important danger is not from the party hard liners but from the economic situation. After

the summer holidays people will see that nothing has improved and that there are still shortages and prices are rising—and they will see Solidarnosc as part of that."

Geremek admitted that Solidarity's own studies had showed that of the 8 million Poles who abstained from voting in the recent elections, 4 million were bitterly opposed to the trade union's policy of cooperation with the government: "It means we have to think with some fear about the future. With those millions of people refusing to vote, things could explode."

A plenum of the Central Committee of the ruling Polish United Workers Party is scheduled for the end of June.

Argentine command purges nationalists

Argentine Army Chief of Staff Gen. Francisco Gassino, obviously backed by outgoing President Raúl Alfonsín, is seeking to destroy the nationalist core of the Argentine military before Carlos Menem becomes President. Gassino and the Army High Command, who are monetarist liberals, have begun disciplining officers who backed Col. Mohamed Ali Seineldín in a military action demanding reforms last December, in violation of the agreement that ended that affair.

General Gassino "retired" two officers who had supported Seineldín and arrested a third.

Seineldín himself was imprisoned following the December action. Authorities have now cut off his telephone and restricted visits to him to his immediate family, amid rumors that he will be sent into internal exile at a military base in Patagonia, in the southern tip of the country.

General Gassino's faction is evidently hoping to provoke another incident which would allow them to crush the Seineldín wing of the military, or drum it out of the Army. Gen. Dante Caridi, Gassino's predecessor, declared that the nationalist faction "must disappear from the Army."

In response, Seineldín sent a letter print-

ed in many Argentine newspapers June 20, which said that the High Command had failed to honor the pact by which his action had ended peacefully. "I repeat that I will not give in and will accept the responsibility of leading any comrades ready to risk themselves in this new stage of our campaign for unity, honor, and dignity within the Argentine Army," he said. In a statement to Reuter he added a warning: "If there is an uprising, it will be provoked by the High Command and it will be a lot bloodier than the others."

In a statement sent to the press on June 21, Seineldín referred to the generals who are trying to provoke a crisis as "coupists who are at the service of the international Social Democracy."

Soviet 'Glasnost' magazine goes daily

Sergei Grigoryants, the reputed dissident liberal editor of *Glasnost*, the first magazine to test Mikhail Gorbachov's policy of "openness," announced at a press conference in New York in mid-June that he will soon start operating a daily news service. The agency will transmit Soviet news to Western Europe and the United States.

Grigoryants has set up the news service as a joint venture with Freedom House, a well-known front for CIA political operations. Leo Cherne, an intimate of Henry Kissinger who may be the highest level mole in U.S. intelligence, is the honorary chairman of Freedom House, which originally ran Project Democracy before it became an official part of the Reagan-Bush administration.

Brandt counts ecology among 'rights of man'

Socialist International chairman Willy Brandt has proposed to add an ecology plank to the group's platform on the "rights of man." He made the proposal on June 19 at the Socialist International's 100th anniversary

conference in Stockholm.

The idea was modeled on concepts circulated by the malthusian Club of Rome, which, along with Mikhail Gorbachov and George Bush, is pushing world federalist schemes to use environmentalism as a weapon against industrial development and the sovereignty of nations.

According to Brandt, the traditional notions of "human rights" have been partially rendered obsolete by natural disasters like the destruction of rain forests in Brazil. Disasters like these, he said, often have a much higher destructive impact on man's living conditions than traditional forms of "violation of the rights of man."

He announced an initiative at the United Nations and other international institutions in this direction.

Turkey seeks talks with Bulgaria on refugees

Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Özal announced on June 18 that he would welcome talks with the Bulgarian leadership to regulate the exodus of ethnic Turks fleeing Bulgaria. Özal said that 37-40,000 had left or been deported from Bulgaria in the previous three weeks, while those remaining in Bulgaria are subjected to terror and indoctrination.

"When they refused to be subdued, they have been surrounded by tanks and fired upon . . . deported, jailed, maimed or shot dead," Özal said. "This is oppression in its most cruel form."

Most of the refugees have been given exit visas and 24 hours to leave the country, with no more than 500 Bulgarian leva in cash, the equivalent of some \$90.

Bulgarian Prime Minister Georgi Ananassov has replied that he is willing to discuss the matter.

En route to visit the refugees expelled from Bulgaria, the executive jet carrying Özal, his wife, and top aides developed engine trouble, but managed to land safely at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport. Özal was the target of an assassination attempt last year.

Briefly

● **THE SOVIET UNION** has supplied more weapons to the Kabul regime in Afghanistan this year than in all of 1988, according to U.S. officials.

● **THE THAI** government is planning to categorize AIDS as a "fatal communicable disease," in order to facilitate implementation of stricter control measures, including the detention of infected persons.

● **A SHOOTING WAR** between Romania and Hungary is a real possibility in the coming weeks, a senior British strategist told *EIR*. "The combination of Romania bucking for trouble and the explosive situations in Hungary and Poland, could lead to a war."

● **THE CASE** of the death of Israeli Judge Dov Eitan, who fell to his death last December from the 15th floor of a building in Tel Aviv, has been re-activated. Eitan was one of the lawyers for John Demjanjuk, the Cleveland autoworker who was framed up and convicted as a Nazi war criminal. Eitan's widow told the *Jerusalem Post* that she "strongly doubts that it was a suicide."

● **CARLOS LEHDER**, the Colombian drug kingpin currently serving a life sentence in a U.S. prison for cocaine smuggling, has written to the Colombian justice minister demanding his repatriation to face trial at home. His argument is that he is the only "victim" of an extradition treaty with the United States which has since been struck down by the Colombian Supreme Court.

● **GREENPEACE**, the international grouping of ecological fascists, tried to obstruct the passage of the *USS Iowa* through the Danish straits to the BALTOP NATO exercises on June 18. They sent down divers with a wire to block the channel, but the *Iowa* slowed down and eventually cut the wire.