

# International Intelligence

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## ***G.D.R. Republikaner leader is Stasi agent***

The campaign by the East German communists against "neo-fascism" was exposed as a propagandistic fraud on Jan. 12, when a leader of one of the chief right-wing groups in the country was exposed as an agent of the hated Stasi secret police (now, supposedly, disbanded).

The case involves Hans-Rudolf Gutbrodt, whom Franz Schönhuber, the chairman of the right-wing neutralist Republikaner party in West Germany, had just presented as the leader of the future East German party.

Gutbrodt has been identified as an informant of the Stasi, in documents secured by the opposition during recent raids of the regional Stasi offices in Schwerin. Gutbrodt worked as a spy inside church circles, filing reports on the political views of religious leaders.

The West German mass-circulation daily *Bildzeitung*, which ran the story on page one on Jan. 12, quotes an unnamed senior officer of the regional police: "I can assure you that this particular man was indeed working for the Stasi. An unofficial collaborator, to use the terminology of the State Security Service."

Gutbrodt also has a police record for crimes including sexual abuse of children, and served a jail sentence of four years and eight months.

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## ***Pope puts moral challenge to newly free countries***

In his yearly "State of the World" speech to the Vatican diplomatic corps on Jan. 13, Pope John Paul II called on the West to help the newly free countries of Eastern Europe to develop societies based on moral values, but not to treat them as new members of a club of consumer countries by exporting the negative aspects of modern Western societies, such as "hedonism and practical materialism."

More than half of his 13-page address

was dedicated to the great changes in Eastern Europe over the past year, which, he said, had resulted from the "irrepressible thirst for freedom which has . . . toppled walls and opened doors." But, he said, the West should not disappoint Eastern Europe. "The time has come for Europeans of the West, who have the advantage of having lived long years in freedom and prosperity, to help their brothers . . . recover fully a place which belongs to them in a Europe of today and tomorrow. Sadly, all too often Western democracies have not known how to use the freedom gained in the past at the price of tough sacrifices. One can only regret the deliberate absence of all transcendental moral references in the running of so-called developed societies."

The Pontiff told diplomats from 120 countries that the West had developed great values, such as justice and human rights, but was also afflicted by "countervalues such as egoism, hedonism, racism, and practical materialism. The newcomers to freedom and democracy should not be disillusioned by those who are, in a sense, veterans."

The Pope said Western and Eastern Europeans should work together to rediscover their common Christian roots, as a "Europe of the spirit" was coming to life again.

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## ***Albania executes its dissidents***

Executions have begun in Albania of student leaders and ethnic Greeks wishing to emigrate, the *Daily Express* of London reported on Jan. 10. Albania is the only communist country not hitherto swept with the fervor of a people's revolution, and its hardline, traditionally pro-Beijing leadership is determined to keep it that way.

The paper reports that crowds were forced to watch as execution squads shot rebel students. "Travelers leaving the Albanian capital of Tirana told how students were left hanging from makeshift gallows for a week as a reminder that rebellion would be met with swift revenge."

Among the protesters, the *Daily Express* reports, were members of the 100,000-

strong ethnic Greek minority, who are demanding the right to emigrate to Greece. Witnesses claim that four Greeks who escaped through the heavily guarded frontier were "tied to the rear of vehicles and dragged over gravel roads until they were dead."

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## ***British government plots against Vietnamese***

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd ordered a secret deal with the government of Communist China to deprive all Vietnamese refugees of food and water as they attempt to travel up the Chinese coast toward Hong Kong, the *Sunday Express* of London charged on Jan. 14.

Hurd asked the Chinese government to order coastal villagers in China not to give food, water, or other aid to "boat people" refugees, and to halt bus loads of Vietnamese refugees traveling through Chinese territory toward Hong Kong.

An estimated 30,000 Vietnamese are expected to attempt to flee to Hong Kong as the "sailing season" opens up in February. A Red Cross worker in the Hong Kong refugee camps said, "It looks like an unholy alliance between London and Beijing," the *Sunday Express* reported.

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## ***China's freedom fighters foresee new protests***

Shen Tong, a leader of the Chinese democracy movement who fled the People's Republic of China last June, told a news conference in Atlanta, Georgia on Jan. 15 that the relaxation of martial law in Beijing was "very cosmetic," but said that the students and workers plan to "take every opportunity to test it."

"There will be many symbolic days next spring, which are very important for the Chinese people. These days will be great channels for the Chinese people to start something again," Reuters quoted Shen as saying.

While admitting that the massacre broke

the actual student movement, Shen said the violence caused much greater disaffection in the population as a whole and that this is fueling resistance by a combination of workers, student intellectuals, and local governments. "The coastal cities are very liberal and open and in conflict with the central government. Even in Beijing there are party members who are questioning the leaders," he said. "All the Chinese government did last year was kill the worker leaders. But the workers still have concerns. For the past 11 years, when student intellectuals took the lead, the workers did not follow. Now the workers have self-awareness."

In a related development, Chia Ling, one of the top leaders of the democracy movement and China's most wanted fugitive, was arrested near Macao, Agence France Presse reported on Jan. 12, based on information from Hong Kong. She was apparently trying to escape China by boat.

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### ***West Germany to East: Stop spying on us!***

Bonn Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble has called on East Germany to stop spying on West Germany, now that relations are becoming close between the two states, Reuters reports.

Schaeuble told the weekly magazine *Bunte*, in an interview published Jan. 14, that East German espionage in West Germany was unchanged, despite last year's peaceful popular protests that ousted the hardline communist leadership of Erich Honecker. "We have no indications that agents have been withdrawn," Schaeuble said. "The espionage section of the Stasi functions like it did in Honecker's days. . . . East Germany would be well advised to pull back their agents before the completion of the community through treaties," referring to close relations envisioned for the future.

The day after Schaeuble's interview was published, the East German communist government issued a report, which it was forced to present at a roundtable meeting with the opposition groups, on the activities of the Stasi under the previous regime. The

secret police owned 5,000 housing complexes, including 800 in East Berlin alone. Its headquarters in East Berlin had 3,000 rooms, with 17 floors underground. The 109,000 employees and agents had some 70,000 hand guns, and the same number of machine guns at their disposal.

The revelations came after intense pressure from the opposition and demonstrations in cities like Leipzig, Chemnitz, and East Berlin since November. At the same time, the new communist party leader, Gregor Gysi, has announced that the party leadership has established a consulting body of "experienced elder party members"; one of its members is former Stasi chief Markus Wolf.

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### ***Peru's García furious at U.S. invasion of Panama***

The Panamanian flag is flying alongside that of Peru above the presidential palace of Peruvian President Alan García, the *New York Times* reported. García said in a Jan. 12 interview with the paper, "It will stay up there until the Yankee troops get out of Panama."

"By what authority does the United States kidnap citizens and judge them? The invasion was an illegal search of an entire nation," García said.

He predicted that Latin American public opinion would react negatively to the "circus" of Noriega's trial. "As much as Noriega was a dictator, he will be seen more as a Latin American than as a dictator. People are going to have compassion for him." As for the present occupiers of the presidential offices, "The fact that Endara took the oath of office on a U.S. military base takes away all of his legitimacy. Once the carnival of the invasion is over, the protests will start, and American troops are not going to solve the internal economic crisis," he said.

"The invasion of Panama has set relations between the United States and Latin America back 30 years," he said. "The United States feels it can ignore and mistreat Latin America, because it is more interested in Eastern Europe. Latin America is wounded, but her leaders won't say anything."

## Briefly

● NATO Secretary General Manfred Wörner said Jan. 12 that he could envisage a united Germany belonging to the Western alliance. "I can certainly imagine cooperative security structures in Europe in which a single Germany belongs to the Atlantic alliance and the legitimate security interests of the Soviet Union remain guaranteed," he said.

● THE GREEN PARTY held a founding congress in Soviet Latvia on Jan. 13, under a new law allowing a multi-party system in the Soviet Baltic republics. The Soviet news agency TASS, quoting the draft Green Party statutes, described it as an independent political union that would fight to preserve nature.

● CHANCELLOR KOHL told East German journalists on Jan. 11 that France would accept German unification as a reality. He reported that French President Mitterrand had told him, at their private meeting on Jan. 4: "In case the 80 million Germans decide for a unified state, it would be reality. France never did well in the past centuries, whenever it did not respect reality."

● METROPOLITAN KYRILL of Smolensk, the Russian Orthodox Church's liaison to the Vatican, has issued a call to the Pope to intervene to end alleged "violent acts" by Uniate Catholics in the Ukraine. In an interview with the Italian daily *La Stampa* published Jan. 11, Kyrill warned that nationalist feeling in the Ukraine was causing schisms in the Orthodox Church itself.

● THE OAS voted to condemn the U.S. violation of diplomatic immunity in Panama. On Jan. 7, the group approved a resolution that said the U.S. search of the residence of the Nicaraguan ambassador "constitutes a violation of the privileges and immunities that make up international law." The vote was 19 for, 0 against, with 7 abstentions.