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Moscow security chief wants sweeping reform

Vadim Bakatin, the outgoing chief of the Inter-Republic Security Service, told the newspaper *Izvestia*, in an interview published on Jan. 2, "I do not think that our special services have become safe yet for citizens." He specified the threat from organized crime as one of the principal dangers facing society in the former Soviet republics today.

When he was appointed, he said, he had proposed a sweeping reform to then-Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachov and the 14 other heads of the republics who comprised the now-defunct State Council. The reform would have included "repudiation of the ideology of 'Chekism,' the repudiation of the constant search for an enemy because, without a clearly defined enemy, whom previously the Politburo used to identify, the KGB in the old sense simply could not exist. At first this meant counterrevolutionaries, then Trotskyists, then the members of the Doctors' Plot, then U.S. imperialism, then dissidents, and so forth. Those are all the things that had to be repudiated, and it is hard to picture the KGB as the KGB without those things."

The second part of this reform, said Bakatin, requires "directing the special services toward the real needs of society, moving away from spy mania to ensuring security based on cooperation and trust. The main attention should be paid to outside criminal influence on our internal affairs and the struggle against crime in the new economic and interstate conditions, the fight against organized crime, primarily against corruption."

France's Le Pen pushes ecology, euthanasia

The National Front of France's Jean-Marie Le Pen is promoting a "green" agenda, as well as eugenics, racism, and euthanasia, according to an exposé in the newspaper *Le*

Canard Enchaîné on Jan. 9.

According to the report, the National Front has set up a front group called the National Circle for the Protection of Life and Ecology, and is infiltrating the leading ecology movements, such as those that are working to block the construction of a dam on the Loire River, and those opposing the construction of the TGV high-speed train.

The newspaper also reveals that one of the main ideologists of the National Front is eugenicist and euthanasia advocate Alexis Carrel. A 1912 Nobel Prize winner for medicine and author of the bestseller *Man, This Great Unknown*, Carrel favors the "establishment of a biologically hereditary aristocracy." He also proposes the extermination of thieves, assassins, and crooks who pollute "the French pure race": "Concerning those who killed, robbed using weapons, who kidnaped children, who robbed the poor, who seriously cheated the public trust, a euthanasia establishment equipped with adequate gases would make it possible to do away with them in a humane and economical fashion," says Carrel.

Terrorists force missionaries from Peru

Eight Irish Catholic priests who led parishes in slums in the city of Trujillo, have left the country permanently after Christmas, after one too many death threats and raids by the Shining Path terrorists against them. The names of six of the priests had been found on a Shining Path assassination list.

Four nuns and priests have been killed in Peru since last May, and the Catholic Church has been virtually forced to go underground.

The superior of the Irish community, who has served in Trujillo for 25 years, told the press that the missionaries were being pulled out "in view of the threats and the general breakdown of the society here." Four other priests will stay "as long as it is feasible," he said. "We are not abandoning Peru. We are being forced out. We simply can't function."

Brazilian Indians want their own nations

In meetings held in the Amazon cities of Barreirinhas and Presidente Figueiredo on Jan. 5, two hundred and fifty Indian leaders decided to take advantage of the Earth Summit, to be held in Rio de Janeiro in June, to pursue international support to transform their newly created reserves into independent nations, journalist Carlos Newton revealed in the newspaper *Jornal do Comercio* of Jan. 8.

According to the journalist, the greatest threat to Brazilian sovereignty over the Amazon region is the demarcation of the Yanomami reserve in the state of Roraima, which borders Venezuela, whose government also set aside a "Biosphere Reserve." The total area of the two reserves is about 18 million hectares. The so-called Yanomami nation, Newton reports, will be the strangest country in the world, with a vast territory, enormous mineral resources, and virtually no population.

Britain's Worsthorne compares Kohl to Hitler

Peregrine Worsthorne, the editor of London's *Sunday Telegraph* and one of the most raving anti-German commentators in the British media establishment, compared German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to Adolf Hitler, in an article published on Jan. 5.

"Yes, I *am* comparing Chancellor Kohl to Hitler. . . in terms of single-mindedness, and also in terms of the danger posed by that single-mindedness, that strength of will, to the future of Britain," Worsthorne wrote.

Britain has a role "waiting for her" in 1992, Worsthorne wrote: "to prevent a concentration of potentially dangerous weakness on the European continent. When Mr. Major, in the most short-sighted remark of 1991, said that Britain had won 'game, set and match,' at [the European Community's summit meeting in] Maastricht, my mind went back to Neville Chamberlain's even

more short-sighted remark, just before the invasion of Norway in 1940, that 'Hitler had missed the bus.' Just as Chamberlain ludicrously underestimated Hitler's determination, so now does Mr. Major ludicrously underestimate the determination of Chancellor Kohl."

In an interview with German ARD television on Jan. 8, Worsthorne charged that the Germans could do as much damage today with their economic muscle, as the Nazis did with their military machine.

Israeli police probe leak on Maxwell death

Israeli police opened an investigation on Jan. 10 to determine how a French magazine obtained a secret videotape showing the autopsy performed on the body of media mogul Robert Maxwell. Maxwell, a shared asset of the British, Soviet, and Israeli intelligence services, died mysteriously at sea on Nov. 5, 1991.

On Jan. 9, *Paris Match* had published a series of photographs taken from the videotape of the autopsy, asserting that the pictures demonstrated that the British publisher was severely beaten before his death. *Paris Match* also published what it said were taped excerpts of the doctors' conversation while they were conducting the autopsy. At one point a doctor said, "You don't end up in that state by falling overboard." Another pathologist said: "Why is there so much blood for a drowning? Was he hit on the head. I've never seen so much blood."

"The Israeli police are not reinvestigating Maxwell's death, they are investigating how the videotape was obtained," police spokeswoman Tami Paul-Cohen said.

Danish journalist was full-fledged KGB agent

Left-wing Danish journalist Juergen Dragsdahl became a "full KGB agent" in 1980, reported the Jan. 11-12 issue of the Copenhagen newspaper *Ekstrabladet*, in further rev-

elations of a sensational story (see last week's *EIR*). Dragsdahl made his career in the late 1970s with a series of libels against Lyndon LaRouche and his associates, whom he accused of working for the CIA.

The paper reports that while Dragsdahl, then a journalist with the Danish paper *Information*, became a channel of KGB disinformation beginning 1977, Copenhagen KGB station chief Mikhail Lubimov was so impressed with Dragsdahl's performance that he went to Moscow in 1979 and successfully urged KGB Scandinavia desk chief Vladimir Shishin, the man who ran the Norwegian Social Democratic spy Arne Treholt, to make Dragsdahl a "full KGB agent."

Ekstrabladet reports that in 1980, following a meeting with the KGB in Budapest, Dragsdahl accepted the new role.

In a new wrinkle, the Danish press interviews the Danish Social Democrat who served as chairman of the Government Security and Disarmament Advisory Group in 1980-83, when Dragsdahl was a member of the government group. Prof. Erling Bjoel recalls that Dragsdahl's "most important source of defense information during that time came from the Center for Defense Information" in Washington, the group of Adm. Gene Laroque, who fed Dragsdahl material for numerous articles he wrote on disarmament.

Portugal calls for action against Indonesia

Portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares called for renewed action against Indonesia for alleged human rights violations, after meeting with U.N. Secretary General Bhutros Ghali in Paris, the BBC reported Jan. 11. Soares said he would raise the issue with George Bush in Washington on Jan. 13, and was expecting to receive U.S. support.

Soares is calling for sanctions against Indonesia and for a new "independent" investigation into the shootings of demonstrators in East Timor in November. Portugal used to run East Timor as a colony until it became too poor to do so, and the Indonesian government took over the half-island.

Briefly

● **MOROCCO'S** King Hassan called for lifting the sanctions against Iraq, in an interview published in the French daily *Le Figaro* on Jan. 9. "The blockade is anachronistic" and only hurts the Iraqi people, he said, that he had just received the Iraqi foreign minister, who told him he "counted on Morocco to try to convince the Islamic community to help Iraq so that the blockade is partially lifted."

● **CHINESE** Prime Minister Li Peng has announced new measures to strengthen "political education" in China, while security head Qiao Shi demanded more "politically correct" judges to end corruption, the BBC reported on Jan. 11. Li said that scientific and technological education were not sufficient if students did not understand correct ideology.

● **IN POSTWAR IRAQ, 70,000** people have died as a result of poor health and sanitation conditions, according to a U.S. Census Bureau study. "Some people say we bombed Iraq into the Third World," an analyst at the Bureau's Center for International Research was quoted by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. In 1991, "the life expectancy of Iraqi males dropped by 20 years, from 66 years to 46, and the life expectancy for women dropped 10 years to 57," the analyst said.

● **THAILAND** is strengthening ties with Vietnam: Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Gen. Suchinda Kraprayoon visited Vietnam Jan. 7-9, and invited a Vietnamese military delegation to visit Thailand to observe the annual U.S.-Thai "Cobra Gold" joint military exercises. Prime Minister Anand Panyarachun is scheduled to visit Vietnam Jan. 15-16, the first head of state to visit in decades.

● **CHINESE** film production companies are preparing a raft of epics for the 1992 season featuring the late Chairman Mao, Shanghai's *Wenhui-bao* newspaper reported on Jan. 13. The Mao revival began last year.