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North Korea agrees to U.N. nuclear inspections

North Korea agreed to U.N. nuclear inspections at a Vienna meeting late on Feb. 15 with the International Atomic Energy Agency. IAEA officials said they expected to be inspecting seven North Korean nuclear plants, heading off the Feb. 21 deadline at which they were to declare North Korea in default of U.N. accords, precipitating sanctions and severe crisis.

The agreement does not include IAEA full access to two additional sites at Yongbyon where western governments believe North Korea is developing nuclear arms, but some inspection is to be allowed. The United States also resumed direct talks with North Korea on Feb. 22 at U.N. headquarters in New York, designed to lead to formal diplomatic ties. South Korean news reports said that the United States may offer to suspend this year's scheduled "Team Spirit" war exercise with Seoul.

Romanians welcome EIR, Fidelio; reject porn

EIR's bureau in Stockholm, Sweden received a letter from a Romanian reader expressing great enthusiasm for EIR, as well as for the Schiller Institute quarterly *Fidelio*:

"Using the materials from EIR, I wrote three articles for *Timisoara*, which is not only the name of the revolutionary town, but also a society which publishes a newspaper with the same name. I wrote 'Democracy and Blood in Moscow' about the bombing of the Russian Parliament and how the bodies disappeared just as in December 1989 in Timisoara; 'Nickels and Dimes' when the Moldovan Republic introduced their new money, the Moldovan lei, and a bit about the devaluation of the currencies in the former East bloc; and the third one, 'Romania, The Lateș Victim of the IMF' [International Monetary Fund]. . . . Only the first one was published. I mentioned the sources in all my articles, mainly EIR.

"As you can see, *Conversatia* translated and published the editorial from *Fidelio* by Michael J. Minnicino from December 1992. In the first lines they say: 'We congratulate the appearance of a new publication called *Fidelio*, edited by the Schiller Institute' . . . followed by the translation of the article 'For a New Golden Renaissance.' . . .

". . . Unbelievable, but porno publications were silently rejected by the public. They disappeared one by one. There was a wave of curiosity at the beginning . . . then it vanished.

". . . Receiving EIR tells us you haven't forgotten us. It's mutual."

Only MIC can forestall catastrophe in Russia

The Russian military-industrial complex (MIC) is "the only organized force" that can prevent catastrophe in Russia this year, Mikhail Malei, who is responsible for the reconversion of the defense industry in the Russian Security Council, told the Paris daily *Le Figaro* of Feb. 18.

Malei told *Le Figaro* that all signs are pointing to a catastrophe: "I give three to five months to the government to resolve the current crisis. After that, we will lose control over the country." He expressed dissatisfaction with the composition of the new government, saying, "the new team has . . . no notion of the country that it is supposed to be governing."

After enumerating the disasters befalling Russia, Malei emphasized that it is only the military-industrial complex that can save the country. The MIC employs 6 million people and has networks of businessmen capable of "producing whatever is required. It is the only organized force that remains in Russia, the last trump card."

President Boris Yeltsin is beginning to understand "the magnitude of the stakes involved," he said, and is favorable to certain projects of the defense industry that were put forward during the last two meetings of the Russian Security Council. Yeltsin's problem is that he is too "disoriented" to

really commit himself to the right direction. He knows he made a mistake in supporting "the reform model," but he is "still hesitant to change it."

German TV nails Kissinger in Moro death

Henry Kissinger's role in the circumstances leading up to the murder of former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro in 1978 was featured in a Feb. 19 documentary that appeared on Germany's Hessen-3 TV network. The documentary, produced with the help of the Westdeutsche Rundfunk network, was entitled, "Dissection of a Crime: Background to the Murder of Aldo Moro."

The program showed footage of a 1974 meeting between Kissinger and Moro, during which Kissinger gave Moro a harsh ultimatum to back off from efforts to form an "historical compromise" between Moro's Christian Democrats and the Italian Communist Party. Kissinger, Hessen-3 said, regarded Moro's scheme as a grave threat to the Yalta postwar condominium.

Moro was visibly shaken after the meeting with Kissinger, so much so, Hessen-3 remarked, that he considered leaving politics. The documentary also included the famous allegations from Moro's widow, holding Kissinger responsible for setting up the conditions for his kidnapping and murder by the Red Brigades.

Russian Orthodoxy plays leading Slavophile role

The increasingly anti-western, Russian-chauvinist views being expressed by leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church, are a subject of growing concern in the western European press.

According to the Germany daily *Süd-deutsche Zeitung* of Feb. 16, the rise of ultra-right movements in Russia reflects the growing popularity of "Eurasian" and "Slavophile" trends of thought, as expressed in the writings of Valentin Rasputin and, especially, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. The head

of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Aleksii II, is "openly sympathetic" to the anti-western trends, and the ROC hierarchy continually refers to the splits with western Christendom that occurred in the 11th century.

An article in the French newspaper *Quotidien de Paris* describes Patriarch Aleksii as representing the relatively moderate tendency in the ROC leadership, still open to some kind of accommodation with the Roman Catholic Church. That position is challenged by an increasingly vocal group, whose spokesman is Kyrill of Smolensk.

The paper reports that those favorable to reconciliation with Rome, such as the popular Father Kochetkov, are likely to be purged in the coming period; Kochetkov himself has been disciplined by the Patriarchate in Moscow. A "fundamentalist" ROC journal, *Rusky Vestnik*, accuses Pope John Paul II of "lies and fanaticism," and quotes Fyodor Dostoevsky, that "Catholicism is more dangerous than atheism." Father Ioan of St. Petersburg is regularly delivering anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish diatribes in the daily *Sovetskaya Rossiya*.

British lords back 'special' euthanasia

An all-party committee of the British House of Lords, in effect, came out against euthanasia, and in favor of withholding treatment instead, so that questions of "mercy killing" become moot. The committee was set up a year ago to review the law on euthanasia and on withdrawing life-prolonging treatment after the cases of Dr. Nigel Cox and Tony Bland. Cox was convicted of attempted murder in 1992 for administering a lethal injection to an arthritis patient. Bland died last year after five law lords ruled that his feeding tube could be disconnected.

The committee said that euthanasia may seem appropriate in difficult cases, but conceded that wider social considerations make it undesirable. The committee, which includes the Archbishop of York, urged support for hospices, more training in palliative

care, and more research into pain control. On so-called artificial feeding, the committee said the question "need not, indeed should not, usually be asked." Treatment which "will add nothing to the patient's well being as a person" need not be given. Bland should not have received antibiotics, and the case to discontinue feeding him would never have reached the court, the lords said.

Ann Winterton, leader of the parliamentary campaign against legal euthanasia reported: "The handicapped, the terminally ill, and those in persistent vegetative states will not be safe until the judgment in the Tony Bland case is reversed."

Project Democracy lines up behind Zapatistas

Former director of Project Democracy's National Democratic Institute Martin Edwin Anderson, wrote in the *Christian Science Monitor* on Feb. 18 that "the most important casualty of the uprising by the Zapatista National Liberation Army" may be the "unwritten agreement" that has existed between the Mexican government and Army to stay out of each other's way. It is this "understanding," writes Anderson, "which has spared Mexico the fate of coup-prone Central American neighbors."

Anderson, who has recently delved into "indigenous affairs" but who for more than a decade has conducted witchhunts against the continent's armed forces, insisted that sending the Army into Chiapas was one of those "inappropriate missions" which make militaries "potentially dangerous actors outside civilian control." Anderson quoted a 1993 report by the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights on the "growing lawlessness of the Mexican military" in recent years, especially in southern Mexico, and asserts that "the obsolescence of anti-communist ideologies" in the continent has sent militaries "scrambling to define new threats to security as a means of holding onto budgets and prestige." The answer, according to Anderson, is for Mexico to "demilitarize its internal security apparatus" and de-emphasize the military in Mexican life.

Briefly

● **ALEXEI ARBATOV** told the Swedish daily *Dagens Nyheter* on Feb. 17 that there is an across-the-board consensus among Russian elites for a new "aggressive foreign policy" aimed at bringing the republics of the former Soviet Union under Russian control. Arbatov is the son of Georgi Arbatov, the leader of the Russian Academy of Sciences U.S.A.-Canada Institute.

● **JORDANIAN** authorities arrested 25 members of Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council on Feb. 23. The group is accused of the assassination of Jordanian diplomat Naeb Maaytah, in Beirut.

● **UKRAINE** President Leonid Kravchuk announced on Feb. 20 that he will not run for reelection if the polling date is not put back from June 26, and claiming that the June 26 presidential election is too close to the March 27 parliamentary elections. The latter may now be put off indefinitely. Kravchuk would not exclude running for reelection if a later date is set.

● **THE AMERICAS** Society, a Rockefeller creation, organized a special forum in Caracas in February on "Venezuela Under the Rafael Caldera Administration" to analyze the economic policies which the new President had proposed to implement, and the likelihood that he will follow through on them. The purpose of the entire event seems to have been to threaten the new government with a financial and banking blowout should it step out of line.

● **BOSNIAN SERB** concentration camp guard Dusko Tadic was arrested in Germany and charged with torturing and murdering Bosnian prisoners in northwestern Bosnia. The German prosecutor's office said Tadic is believed to have killed at least seven inmates. Tadic is accused of bludgeoning people to death, forcing inmates to drink motor oil, and castrating them.