

# International Intelligence

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## Foreign policy debate in Japan heats up

The 1980 "blue paper" of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, for the first time in the postwar period, abandons the traditional catchphrase that Japan should strive for an "omnidirectional peace diplomacy" aimed at maintaining good relations with every country. Instead it calls on Japan to firmly line up with the West and to "confront the Soviet Union" diplomatically.

Observers, including editorials in the Japanese press, were taken aback at the tone of the document, since upon the inauguration of the new Zenko Suzuki cabinet, Foreign Ministry officials had leaked reports that Suzuki would try to restore good relations with the U.S.S.R. in particular. Relations had deteriorated under Suzuki's predecessor Masayoshi Ohira, who had followed Washington's China card policy, and the business community has lost an estimated \$4-5 billion in business deals with the U.S.S.R. to European competitors.

Discussions among the U.S.S.R., U.S. and Japan on natural gas development in Yakutsk, Siberia have been suspended until at least after the U.S. election, according to the Tokyo press. Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito, on a tour of South Asia and China, dispensed aid to Pakistan and Thailand as part of this effort to line up with the U.S.-China axis.

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## A new 'counterpole' in the Middle East?

Following this week's dramatic offer by Col Muammar Qaddafi of Libya to merge Libya with Syria, the move has been analyzed by European commentators as an initiative to establish a counterpole in the Arab world to the emerging Saudi-Iraqi alliance. Preliminary reports are that the Syrian regime of Hafez Assad has virtually accepted Qaddafi's offer. European governments view this development with alarm, since they favor the

Iraq-Saudi relationship, which is premised on rapid economic development of Arab nations as a counter to Israeli expansionism. Qaddafi's countereffort is by contrast premised on confronting Israel militarily instead, and doing so at the earliest possible date.

At the same time, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has agreed to resume "Palestinian autonomy" negotiations with his Camp David partner, Menachem Begin. Observers note that Sadat appears to have won no softening from Israel on the points that had stalled the talks: Israel's takeover of Jerusalem, the West Bank, and southern Lebanon. In Cairo and elsewhere, it is asked whether Sadat has been offered Libyan territory and oil reserves as a prize for allowing President Carter to play up the triumph of a new Camp David round.

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## Qaddafi hit by his former Anglo-Italian allies

Libyan Prime Minister Abd as-Salam Jallud declared last week that the attempted coup against President Muammar Qaddafi last month was orchestrated by an "Italian agent," and hinted that Egypt was a party to the incident. Jallud is the only Libyan official to publicly admit the occurrence of the coup attempt, which was centered near the Egyptian border of Tobruk. He warned that Egypt may soon conduct an "aggressive action" against Libya with the backing of the U.S., noting that Egypt has placed its troops stationed near the Libyan-Egypt border on alert.

The architect of the uprising at Tobruk is Major Idris Ash-Shuhaybi, who reportedly fled to Egypt following the coup attempt. The major is thought to be part of a growing anti-Qaddafi conspiracy now based in Rome which calls itself the National Democratic Movement. According to *EIR's* Arab sources, Rome and Malta are the centers of the NDM's operations, which are reported to have backing from exiled Libyans based in London.

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## Begin operative loses Paris fight

A months-long faction fight in the French Zionist movement came to a head Sept. 2 with the removal of Avi Primor from his post as President of the French branch of the World Zionist Organization. United Jewish Social Fund of France directors Guy de Rothschild and Adam Loss objected to Primor's efforts to erect a vocal French "Jewish Lobby" modelled on what exists in the United States.

Rothschild and Loss had in particular mobilized French Jewish groups and leaders in opposition to Primor's involvement with a group entitled "Jewish Renewal," which is committed to the breed of Zionism represented by Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel. The head of Jewish Renewal, Henry Hajdenberg, has been widely accused in the French press of pro-fascist sympathies.

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## Excelsior series reprints EIR's Iran charges

Mexico's leading daily newspaper, *Excelsior*, this week serialized Spanish journalist José Luis Villalonga's interview with the Empress Farah of Iran, in which she cites *EIR* Middle East editor Robert Dreyfuss's report on how Anglo-American intelligence overthrew her husband and created the Iranian revolution. Unlike the West German magazine *Bunte*, which first printed this interview, *Excelsior* includes not only Villalonga's discussion with the Empress, but adds the lengthy selections he takes directly from Dreyfuss's report.

*Excelsior*, read throughout Latin America, is carrying Villalonga's interview in a 10-part series. Farah is quoted as saying that Dreyfuss's report details "plans which are coldly calculated to create total chaos in the Persian Gulf. . . and perhaps global destruction." *Excelsior* includes *EIR's* detailed evidence of British intelligence sponsorship of "Is-

lamic fundamentalism"; efforts to create a Middle East Treaty Organization; and plans to undermine the economies of Western Europe and the U.S. through a provoked cutoff in oil supplies. Dreyfuss's warning is cited: "The main goal of these groups—their basic objective—is the deindustrialization of the world, and zero growth in the global demographic index."

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### ***Thai Supreme Command puts troops on alert***

Thailand mobilized its border troops on Sept. 2, asserting that Vietnam now poses a serious military threat to Thailand because it has amassed a grand total of 1500 troops at Phnom Malai, near the Thailand-Kampuchea border, according to Agence France Presse. At present, Vietnam has an estimated 30,000 troops in the border area as part of its operations against the remnants of the Pol Pot forces. The new Thai alert follows weeks of warnings of a new Vietnamese "invasion" complete with calling up of Thai reserves. Throughout this period, China has announced that if Thai-Vietnamese fighting broke out, China would "counterattack" against Vietnam.

Vietnamese diplomatic sources assert that a Peking faction is arguing for a new Chinese invasion of Vietnam under the pretext of Thai-Vietnamese fighting, while others claim that China's domestic political and economic problems rule out an early invasion.

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### ***Eastern Europe faces financial clamp***

American and British bankers said this week that the Polish events represent a phase in their long-term strategy to grind down the Comecon nations economically and thus penetrate and split the bloc.

"We learned our lesson from Czechoslovakia," the Eastern Europe chief at Citibank said Sept. 4. "It's a good thing the entire Polish economy wasn't shut down. This way we have free trade unions, and Poland will depend more on us for loans." The U.S. Agriculture Department's Commodity Credit Corporation will grant Poland \$670 million in guarantees for feed-grain imports as a "concession" after negotiations in Washington that "intensively reviewed Poland's books," according to a USDA source.

The Vatican correspondent for the Polish émigré magazine *Kultura* told Agence France Presse Sept. 2 that Poland needs "a new Marshall Plan"—not just aid, but aid earmarked for exactly the factories and infrastructure projects foreign investors wish to promote.

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### ***UN declares war on urban civilization***

The United Nations sponsored a conference in Rome this week on the theme of the "nightmarish growth" of the population of the world's cities. The Sept. 3 *London Times* called it "one of the most awe-inspiring conferences ever held," in an editorial titled "Great Wens [warts] All Over the World," referring to urban centers.

The city today is becoming "a burdensome consumer of energy and social expenditure and a producer of sickness and pollution," said the *Times*. There are "no universally applicable remedies" to what it terms the overpopulation problem. "To pump money into agriculture . . . may feed the towns, but the more modern agriculture becomes, the less labor it needs—though the heavy demands which mechanized agriculture makes on energy may reverse that trend. Some small dents in the problem have been made by measures such as better town planning, encouraging self-help in the shanty towns and discouraging population growth, but broader answers are going to be needed."

## ***Briefly***

● **RADIO FREE EUROPE** is working with Said Ramadhan, an international leader of the Muslim Brotherhood currently residing in Geneva, to beam broadcasts into the Muslim populations of the Soviet Union.

● **THE MOSSAD** has formed a secret cell to train the fanatic Hindu militants of India's RSS in Israel. The RSS trainees are travelling to Israel via Nepal and London. Recently, the RSS held a big meeting in London which was attended by the Lord Mayor.

● **CHUN DOO HWAN**, the new South Korean President, met with Reagan Asia adviser Ray Cline, a former CIA station chief in Taiwan, while not yet finding the time to receive Jimmy Carter's ambassador to Korea, William Gleysteen.

● **DOM MINTOFF**, Malta's prime minister, went to Italy the first week in September to discuss a military agreement, possibly including the establishment of a NATO base on the strategically located island. The talks are conditioned by the fact that Libya is Italy's number-one trade partner and main source of oil, while Libyan-Maltese relationships are drastically deteriorating.

● **MICHEL DEBRE**, Gaullist candidate for the French presidency, wrote in *Le Monde* Sept. 3 that Europe cannot accept any cutbacks in its agricultural production at a time when developing-sector populations need this food to survive.

● **NECMETTIN ERBAKAN**, the leader of Turkey's Islamic fundamentalist National Salvation Party, is involved in heroin smuggling, according to charges made by the Turkish daily *Hürriyet*. The pro-Khomeini National Salvation Party is allegedly operating as a conduit for illegal drugs coming out of Iran.