

International Intelligence

East-West conflict set in southern Africa

The Soviet and Cuban-allied countries of Angola and Mozambique are key targets in a setup being prepared for the Reagan administration. With respect to Angola, the State Department is planning to recommend that the five-year-old ban on covert or overt U.S. assistance to the Angolan countergang UNITA be repealed. This would clear the way for the United States to begin officially supporting South African military operations against Angola, in which troops are disguised as Angolan UNITA rebels fighting the Angolan government. UNITA as an organized force has been virtually eliminated by the Angolans.

A pro-Khomeini Socialist International destabilization expert, Richard Falk of Princeton University, says Angola is the next area destined for the El Salvador treatment.

"If the destabilization and counter-insurgency operations work in El Salvador, Angola will be next. Angola will be the next country that they [the Reagan administration] will try to destabilize."

In Mozambique, four American diplomats were expelled last month and charged with being CIA agents, following a South African military assault into Mozambique in late January targeting an anti-South African group. In response to the raid four Soviet naval vessels docked in a Mozambique port Feb. 19.

Socialists involved in Colombia terror

One day after the March 7 murder of American missionary Chester Allen Bitterman by the Colombian M-19 terrorists, Colombian military police arrested the mediator in the Bitterman kidnapping, Rev. Alfredo Torres Pachón. Torres, the secretary general of the Latin American Council of Churches (CLAI),

had regularly convoked press conferences in his office during the negotiations for Bitterman's release, where M-19 members would conduct telephone interviews with the press. The CLAI is the Latin American affiliate of the World Council of Churches, which was founded by the Socialist International.

The involvement of the M-19, which has a professed admiration for Austria's social democracy, with the World Council of Churches gives the lie to Alexander Haig's charges that the Soviet Union is the "mother" of all terrorism.

The Jan. 19 Bitterman kidnapping has produced increasing tensions within the M-19, whose leadership denounced the kidnapping as the work of a split. The leaders are seeking government approval for M-19 to emerge as a legitimate political party affiliated with the Socialist International.

In a clandestine communiqué just released to the press, the M-19 leadership confirmed that a split has taken place in the group, and denounced the assassins of Bitterman.

Colombians debate marijuana reform

A bill to legalize production, trade, and consumption of marijuana will be submitted to the Colombian Congress on July 20 for a vote, according to the country's leading daily, *El Espectador*.

A front-page article on March 4 said the bill will be prepared and submitted by the President of the Congress José Ignacio Díaz-Granados, with the advice and assistance of Ernesto Samper Pizano, a leading prodrug lobbyist in Colombia. Samper Pizano, an executive member of the International Cannabis Alliance for Reform (ICAR), views the United States as the principal market for Colombia's legalized marijuana exports.

According to Samper, the bill already has the support of the Bogotá stock market, the national agricultural producers'

association, the national industrialists' association, and several provincial legislatures.

El Espectador reports, however, that the government of President Turbay is not only opposed to the decrim bill, but will counter it with proposed legislation enabling investigations into illegal drug money flows in Colombia.

New border war in Central America?

Repeated threats against Nicaragua from Honduran military officers in the past week have placed the two countries on the brink of war.

The director of public relations for the Honduran army, Julio Amando Pavón, declared on television in early March that "the danger of war could be inevitable."

"The Honduran population will act as they did in 1969," said Pavón, when they fought foreign aggression in the so-called soccer war with El Salvador. Meantime, Honduran President Gen. Policarpo Paz stated during military ceremonies that "if the time comes in which we have to raise ourselves to the sound of battle it will be a song to the better glory of our Fatherland."

Border incidents have occurred in past months between the radical Nicaraguan government and the anticommunist Hondurans. Pavón's reference to the 1969 war with El Salvador is indicative of the real issues underlying current tensions. The 1969 "soccer war" is, to this day, referred to as the region's "first population war."

Emissaries urge Japan to shore up China

The Haig faction of the Reagan administration made a major deployment in

early March to shore up the Chinese regime of Deng Xiaoping. There is growing concern in Haig's circle that increasing economic and political chaos are endangering the "China Card."

CIA Director William Casey, on an emergency trip to Tokyo, March 6, met with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and is believed to have requested that Japan use economic aid to shore up the Chinese regime, as well as those of Thailand and Pakistan. He also set up more detailed discussions of this subject for Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito's visit to Washington March 21-26.

David Abshire, formerly head of the Reagan transition team unit on foreign policy, met with Suzuki and Ito on a March 1-11 trip and urged Japan to play a greater role in "the international division of labor on defense and security." This refers not only to increased defense spending by Japan but also economic and diplomatic measures in support of the China card and Haig's Indian Ocean strategies.

Following the Tokyo visit, Abshire, who is chairman of the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), visited Peking March 12-15. He reportedly met with Deng to get a first-hand appraisal of the political and economic situation.

Arthur Burns hails China investment cuts

Arthur Burns, who was in China just prior to the drastic 45 percent cut in capital investment in early March, hailed the measures as "an effective anti-inflation" tactic. When an interviewer asked the former Federal Reserve chairman whether the cuts wouldn't exacerbate existing bottlenecks in energy and transport, Burns replied, "No. In fact, by investing less they will have less need for energy and transport." Burns also revealed that the Chinese officials made specific note of the parallel between their strategy and those of U.S. budget chief

David Stockman and had asked Burns for more information about the latter's efforts.

Chinese ZPG fosters female infanticide

In one small town in southern China, "eight female babies were found dead, abandoned in front of the local [Communist] party headquarters or the local medical center. Most had been suffocated," reported the region's leading daily, *Nan Fang Ribao*, in an article on China's population control program. The paper explained that the program forbids parents to have more than one child. If the first baby is a girl, parents fear they will have no heir or caretaker in their old age and have begun killing the infant girls in attempts to secure a male as their mandated only child.

The Chinese paper comments that the "stop at one" rule must be obeyed, but that "equality of the sexes" forbids the female infanticide.

Throughout Chinese history, the rise and fall of new dynasties was accompanied by the deaths of millions through war, brigandage, famine, and infanticide. Female infanticide is especially prominent during such social cataclysms, to preclude new generations of child-bearers. As recently as the famine during the 1958-60 Great Leap Forward, some peasant parents not only killed their babies, but also consumed the corpses. Famine, under the Dengist austerity regime, is once again raging in southern China.

Promoters of the Global 2000 genocide program, including Gen. Maxwell Taylor, have in the past lauded China's population programs. In 1971, the Population Crisis Committee led by Taylor, General Westmoreland, and the late Gen. William Draper, declared, "Given scarce resources, the whole world should adopt Mao Tse-tung's concept for China of stable, replacement-only population policies. This should be the policy for the next 30 years."

Briefly

● **PAKISTAN** is getting ready to explode a nuclear device near the Indian border, says the Soviet army daily *Red Star*. Two uranium enrichment facilities are reportedly in operation "thanks to the indulgence of Western states." Moscow also points to Chinese aid for the Pakistan nuclear program.

● **KARL CARSTENS**, the West German president, ruffled some feathers on a recent visit to India when he referred to "genuine non-alignment" in a speech there. The phrase was an invention of the previous Desai government and aimed at Mrs. Gandhi—now back in power. One Indian paper hit the Christian Democratic politician for trying to sour BRD-India relations and noted that he is no friend of Chancellor Schmidt.

● **SOMALIA** made an international appeal on March 8 for nearly half a million tons of food to meet projected shortfalls for 1981 in that drought-stricken country. Omar Giama, deputy minister of national planning, told diplomats and foreign aid officials that "already the stocks of certain essential food commodities have a reserve numbered in days." He stated that a continued lack of rain or an increase in the flow of refugees from Ethiopia would worsen what he said was an already critical condition.

● **TUDEH**, Iran's communist party, is currently working with the right-wing fundamentalist Islamic Republican Party to overthrow social-democratic Prime Minister Bani-Sadr. The Tudeh is a creation of British intelligence's Arab Bureau chief St.-John Philby, the father of KGB Gen. Kim Philby, who maintains contact with his father's 1920s creation. Bani-Sadr has denounced the alliance between the "Soviet agents" and the IRP.