

International Intelligence

Haig plays dominoes in Central America

Testifying before numerous Congressional Committees and granting "exclusive" interviews to any paper he could find, Alexander Haig launched a personal crusade in early March to blow up any remaining chances for avoiding the outbreak of generalized war in Central America over the next few months.

Haig went after Mexico—the one ally in the area which has offered the United States a strategy for ending the bloodshed. In an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* on March 4, Haig portrayed Mexico as one of the next dominos to fall from the chaos in Central America. The problem with Mexican leaders, Haig pontificated, is that they "are constrained by political reality from doing what an outside observer [i.e. Haig] might presume to be logical action." Guatemala will be another El Salvador leading to "fundamental threat to Mexico in a very predictable future."

Israeli anti-drug investigator threatened

Israeli journalist Yigal Laviv, a well-known investigator of mafia activity in Israel and the source for much of the material found in the French-language exposé "The Israeli Connection" by Jacques Derogy, has received open death threats from the highest levels of those Israeli circles involved in international drug trafficking. The threats have been accompanied by a frame-up of Laviv, who was arraigned in late February on spurious charges of extortion trumped up by the mafia. Several organized crime figures (including the notorious Shmuel Flatto-Sharon, who evaded extradition to his native France several years ago by buying himself a seat in the Israeli Knesset) are implicated in the operation to silence Laviv.

In a soon-to-be-published interview with *Executive Intelligence Review*, Laviv

indicated that the campaign against him is part of an attempt by friends of American mobster Meyer Lansky in Israel to take over the state of Israel. Laviv further specified that the operation against him is being waged by people deeply involved in the international drug trade. Evidence for this comes partly from Federal Bureau of Investigation documents on Israeli mafia drug-trafficking activities into the United States from South America, documents that Laviv himself has seen but which have been suppressed from public purview in the United States.

Energy bill prepares rule by decree

Led by an outraged Joe Clark, Canadian Conservatives have boycotted the House of Commons over the introduction of an omnibus Energy Security Bill which Clark called "as dangerous to democracy as the War Measures Act." According to Clark, the emergency measures planned by Trudeau would "allow the government to set up internment camps." Although the press has been silent on the specifics of emergency measures introduced, Solicitor General Robert Kaplan stated in a news conference on March 8 that "the plans would be used only in a time of war."

Seeking to amend 15 existing laws and implement the National Energy Program (NEP), the Bill will also give Trudeau the right to raise energy taxes by decree. According to the *Toronto Globe & Mail*, Trudeau wants to avoid parliamentary and public discussions. The conservatives say they will not go back to their seats until Trudeau either retracts the bill, separates it in several bills or calls for new elections. The Liberals have rejected all three proposals.

The bill attacks both provincial and private ownership of resources. It would empower the government to take over foreign-owned companies by injecting up to \$5.5 billion in Petro-Canada; give Petro-Can and possibly the Maurice Strong-led Canadian Development Cor-

poration (CDC) 25 percent of new oil discoveries on federal lands; create more state companies at the expense of private corporations; spy on oil and gas activities, and expropriate land (provincial rights) for interprovincial power lines.

This is a rigged crisis timed to coincide with critical restrictions on transfer payments to the provinces for the next five years, and with the rapid ratification of the new Canadian Constitution (British North America Act) in Britain.

On Commonwealth Day March 8, the British House of Commons approved the patriation of the Canadian Constitution by a vote of 177 to 33. The "Canada Bill" is expected to pass the House of Lords quickly. Should that occur before the parliamentary crisis in Ottawa were to be resolved, this would enable Trudeau to constitutionally rule by decree.

Guatemala: terror after election

The presidential elections held March 7 in Guatemala will maintain the present radical rightwing regime in power, and that means added geopolitical difficulties for Mexico, which has staked its future on seeking political stability in the volatile Central American region.

General Aníbal Guevara, former Defense Minister of the current dictatorship, emerged with a reported 37 percent of the vote in a race against three other rightist candidates. Guevara's plurality guarantees he will be named president by a session of the Guatemalan Congress.

Earlier in March, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig announced Guatemala will be the next El Salvador—a remark designed to win backing for a stepped up U.S. military presence. Enhancement of Guatemalan military capabilities will increase pressures on Mexico. Already, atrocities committed by army-sanctioned death squads have sent waves of refugees—sometimes numbering in the thousands—over the border into Mexico, where they are used as political leverage by the left against the

government of José López Portillo. These atrocities are a central factor in the recruitment of peasants into the ranks of the guerrilla insurgents.

At the same time, high-ranking Guatemalan military figures, associates of Guevara, have charged Mexico with sheltering Guatemalan guerrillas and, in some cases, training them.

Guevara's victory, however, has also led to unrest among the right. All three losing candidates are charging vote fraud. At a protest rally March 9 they were arrested for an hour, and their supporters were dispersed with tear gas. Guevara's strongest rival, Sandoval Alarcón, who officially netted 30 percent of the vote, is threatening "civil war" if the election results are not overturned. Alarcón is widely recognized as the behind-the-scenes leader of the death squads.

On the eve of the voting, Pope John Paul II issued an unusually strong appeal for a "stable and secure peace" in Guatemala. The Pontiff prayed for peace in that "tormented country," where "fratricidal struggle" is suffocating "the just and legitimate aspirations for a peaceful, civil coexistence and orderly progress."

CIA, Mossad ran Terpil-Wilson

A complex web of underground corporations, banks, intelligence fronts, and money-laundering agencies served as the support apparatus for the pro-Qaddafi terrorists associated with Edwin Wilson and Frank Terpil, and the entire complex was operated jointly by the CIA and the Israeli Mossad, according to *Spotlight* newspaper. *Spotlight*, a Liberty Lobby publication, based its information on leaks from CIA sources opposed to the CIA-Mossad support for Qaddafi.

The purpose of the CIA-Mossad operation nominally headed up by so-called "CIA renegades" Wilson and Terpil was to promote Israeli-backed terrorism in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, to penetrate the Arab world's intelligence

agencies, and to funnel Arab money into investment portfolios in Zurich, Geneva, Cairo, and Beirut, along with the Chase Manhattan Bank.

The Terpil-Wilson network began its association in the Middle East in 1972, *Spotlight* says, through a hydra-headed complex entitled "Kaplex." The Kaplex entity was based in Paris, where it was called Aerotransmar; Jerusalem, where it was called Air Transport and Services; Frankfurt, under the name Air Services Management; and Cairo, Interairco. Its Zurich, Mossad-run partner was the "Zimex Corp.," which joined with Kaplex and the CIA's Terpil-Wilson to plan destabilization of Sudan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. Part of the Kaplex-Zimex machine was responsible for the assassination of Egypt's Anwar Sadat and also backed the Muslim Brotherhood in Syria. Both the House and Senate are currently investigating this entity.

Qaddafi: split the Saudi royal family

Libya's Col. Muammar Qaddafi urged the Arabs to rise up and overthrow the Saudi regime in a March 3 diatribe, singling out Crown Prince Fahd and Defense Minister Sultan for special attack. Prince Abdullah, the Saudi arch-reactionary known to be anti-American, was parished by Qaddafi because he "loves Muslims."

Said Qaddafi: "Saudi Arabia has become a bigger threat to the Arabs than Israel or the United States. . . . For us now, Saudi Arabia is enemy number one."

In a televised interview in the United States, Qaddafi also declared that the Saudi decision to reduce its oil output by 1 million barrels per day is "not enough," demanding a reduction of 2-3 million barrels per day more. It is noteworthy that Prince Abdullah, long associated with British intelligence, is known to be an advocate of cutting Saudi output down to 3-4 million barrels per day, half the rate at present.

Briefly

● **THE STANDING** Committee of the National People's Congress of China announced March 8 that the central government bureaucracy of 600,000 will be immediately reduced by 30-50,000. Cuts are to eventually reach 200,000. Consolidation of ministries is eliminating many senior officials, predominantly those who favor retaining heavy industry. Foremost among the latter was Deputy Prime Minister Gu Mu.

● **THE SOVIET UNION** is about to propose arms negotiations with Western Europe which would exclude the United States, according to reports in the Italian, French, and Greek press. Citing "an informed Soviet source," the reports say the talks would deal with parity of Soviet medium-range missiles in the western U.S.S.R. with British and French nuclear forces alone. The Soviets presumably hope to prevent NATO deployment of Pershing missiles in Europe, now scheduled for 1983.

● **THE VATICAN** is mediating renewed negotiations between the Polish government and Solidarność or other labor representatives, according to Roman Catholic sources. Reportedly, Church labor specialist Rev. Alojzy Orszulik has acted as go-between. Other sources say the Pope will postpone a trip to Poland originally planned for August in deference to fears of the effects on the population.

● **RICHARD COHEN**, *EIR*'s Washington Bureau Chief, gave an extensive briefing on Italian revelations concerning the Propaganda-2 Freemasonic Lodge on March 11 at a National Democratic Policy Committee press conference in Washington. This was the first time the Washington diplomatic community had received a full account of the Italian investigations. While U.S. media boycotted the event, 11 foreign embassies were represented, as well as members of the foreign press corps.