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Syrian 'back channel' for Schultz to Moscow?

After weeks of a strident public line towards the United States, the Damascus regime of Hafez al Assad changed its tune in an unusually mild Radio Damascus commentary June 9. The broadcast affirmed Syria's readiness to "cooperate with the United States and with anyone else who seeks peace." Citing Washington sources, the *Boston Globe* says Assad is preparing to send a delegation from the Syrian Foreign Ministry to Washington to continue talks on the Lebanon crisis.

The new Syrian stance is being attributed to Assistant Secretary of State Veliotis, who remained in Damascus to establish a U.S.-Syria committee after George Shultz left. It follows by less than ten days a reported secret visit to Damascus by Shultz's primary controller, Henry Kissinger. Kissinger is known to be one of the few American diplomats to "have a way" with the intransigent Assad.

By talking to the United States (i.e. Shultz and Kissinger), Assad is expected to add pressure on the White House for the United States and the Soviets to begin talks on global crisis management. Since prior to Shultz's negotiation of the Israel-Lebanon accord, it has been known that the Secretary of State hoped to use the Middle East crisis in order to get a meeting with Gromyko. This would explain Syria's recent display of moderation.

Argentine Church defends dignity of human labor

"Unemployment, accentuated poverty, usury, low salaries, and unwanted emigration have mortgaged a once-prosperous nation which knew how to shelter millions of immigrants and offer them food and work." So the bishops of Argentina described the plight of their nation in a document published at the end of June. "God, Man, and Conscience" goes on to ask: "Do we love work and esteem it as an expression of human dignity? Or do we easily cede to vagrancy, to gambling, speculation and to economic bribery?"

The document reiterates earlier statements that a return to constitutional rule is required to insure social peace, and rejects the "coup spirit" that threatens to prevent national elections planned for October of this year.

The Church declaration adds that in Argentina "there has been an assault on human labor, placing the individual in a situation of having no access to employment or to a just salary. The notable deterioration of industrial employment, and the existence of underemployment in worrisome proportions, define a reality that should be urgently responded to."

In a related development, Monsignor Mario Revollo Bravo, President of the Colombian Council of Bishops declared that "the sects are working among the indigenous populations with the purpose of creating terrorists." He pointed out that the Colombian mass media is controlled by the most powerful financial groups, which caused an uproar among the large newspapers in Colombia.

CERN: Geneva Center for scientific espionage

EIR's Weisbaden bureau charged in a mid-July news release that the Geneva-based high energy physics laboratory CERN is presently functioning as a major center for Soviet KGB operations into Western Europe, in order to 1) to conduct high-level scientific espionage and sabotage, in particular against the development of anti-missile "beam weapons" by the United States and its European allies; 2) to manipulate peace movement activities in Western Europe to create conditions of virtual civil war; 3) to deploy hard terrorist capabilities, recruited from the peace movement milieu, against military and other targets.

Among the KGB-run operations based at CERN is the "European Network of Scientists for Nuclear Disarmament," whose purpose is to channel sensitive scientific and technical information into the Soviet Union. Given the massive penetration of CERN-trained and CERN-connected scientists in sensitive military R & D. in advanced industry, scientific think tanks and the scientific community in general, the cited "European Network" represents a clear threat to

Western security.

The "European Network" is a recent example decades-long pattern, typified by the systematic recruitment of scientists working at CERN into the KGB-controlled "Pugwash Movement" for a supposed East-West dialogue among scientists. Former CERN General Directors Prof. Eduardo Amaldi and Prof. Victor Weisskopf have both been deeply involved in the Pugwash conferences as well as the numerous Pugwash "satellites." These have been the main channel of Soviet influence for shaping American defense policy.

A further CERN-linked operation of immediate concern is the Trieste Center for Theoretical Physics, led by Club of Rome member Prof. Abdus Salam. The original Scientific Council of the Trieste Center included former CERN director Victor Weisskopf, Pugwash leader B.T. Feld, Leopold Infeld, Soviet scientists A. Matveev and V. Soloviev, and Robert Oppenheimer.

Against the background of this and related information, governments and security agencies would be well advised to regard CERN as in effect a high-level KGB "asset," and to take appropriate actions.

It would be extremely useful to investigate KGB contamination via CERN of other scientific institutions, including the possible case of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, of which Abdul Salam is a member. The 1982 declaration of the Pontifical Academy in favor of the "nuclear freeze" movement, (which did not obtain Papal approval) should be investigated in this light, with particular emphasis on the roles of CERN scientist Dr. Zichichi and the Paris geneticist Prof. Jerome Lejeune.

Czar of Russia blesses the Magi of Persia

On the occasion of the conclusion of the Islamic holiday of Ramadan in early July, Soviet potentate Yuri Andropov sent a flowery telegram of praise to Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini and his Iranian Revolution. So ends the living-theater staged "falling out" between the two fanatics that occurred momentarily after the Iranian authorities executed several leaders of the Iranian Tudeh (Communist) Party.

As of July 14, Iran was in the first stages

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of a major escalation in its human meatgrinder war with Iraq. A combined force of 400,000 Iranian army and revolutionary guard soldiers has reportedly launched an all-points offensive westward against Iraq; it is said that the next phase will include Iranian long-range rocket and missile attacks against Iraqi urban concentrations.

Switzerland is serving as the key transshipment point of necessary materials from Libya into Iran. Iran's missile capabilities are being built up with the advice of a Spanish admirer of Adolf Hitler, José Torres, who told the Spanish daily *El País* that thanks to his work, the war with Iraq will be decided by December of this year.

FAZ forecasts 'Gnostic' takeover of Middle East

An extraordinary feature in the July 6 *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (FAZ) written from Limassol, Cyprus, forecasts that the Middle East is soon to be the scene of major "explosions" throughout the Arab world, out of which a "unity of the Arab nation and the Islamic community will emerge." The paper cites several sources to this effect, and declares that "behind such thoughts lies a good proportion of Gnostics," who believe that "the world is evil, it must be destroyed, out of which a new, good world can emerge." Journalist Thomas Ross claims that "the gnostic viewpoint is popular in intellectual milieux" throughout the Arab world.

The article's basic "factual" contention is that the drop in oil prices means "the end of the Arab Century," out of which "fact" irrationalist revolts will explode against existing regimes. This, Ross concludes, presents real threats to Israel and to security in the region.

Quoted to back up Ross's case is Carter administration National Security Council Middle East adviser William Quandt, who expedited the Khomeini takeover of Iran.

Dope barons challenge Ibero-American gov'ts

Roberto Suárez Gómez, nicknamed the "King of Cocaine," who is the most wanted

criminal in Bolivia, gave a press conference July 3 in which he asked for a meeting with the president of Bolivia, Hernán Siles Zuazo. Suárez said that could resolve the Bolivian economic crisis with his personal fortune, calculated to be at least \$400 million. Suárez also threatened the Bolivian government, stating that among his stockpile of war materials, he had a "fleet" of planes with the capacity to fire missiles.

At the same time, in Colombia, one of the world's leading drug traffickers not only acknowledged that he was a drug trafficker, on a radio show, but stated that he intended to use the money that he earned in his illicit activities to buy himself a position in the economically strapped government. Carlos Lehder admitted to all the charges against him, including having bought an island in the Caribbean which he used as an international drug haven.

The point of this, as played up by the press outlets controlled by former Colombian president Jaime López Michelsen, is to insist—as the IMF does more indirectly—that Colombia's economic woes would be solved by the earnings of drug traffic. In both Colombia and Bolivia, these drug traffickers are being portrayed as folk heroes, above the law, and capable of solving their countries problems.

Swiss forecast Lebanon partition

On Tuesday, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens visited south Lebanon and Syrian Defense Minister Tlas visited the north. The Swiss newspaper, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, (NZZ), reported these visits as "symptomatic for the de facto partition" of Lebanon, writing that the Syrians would remain in the North, the Israelis in the South, and in the East, the two sides would "face each other, eye to eye. . . ."

The NZZ explained that the Syrians will have "problems" with the Palestinians and the Israelis will face opposition from the Muslim and left-wing Lebanese and pro-Syrian Palestinians. These groups will benefit from the "complicity" of the Lebanese secret services, "who are interested in making the Israeli occupation as costly as possible."

● **GIANNI AGNELLI** met a few days after the June 26-27 Italian election with Christian Democracy (DC) head Ciriaco De Mita and Socialist (PSI) boss Bettino Craxi. Despite the fact that the DC took heavy losses at the polls, and the PSI's gains were unimpressive, Agnelli proposed that Craxi sit in the prime minister's seat, with Guido Carli (De Mita's candidate) and Bruno Visentini heading up a government of technocrats to oversee "rigor and austerity."

● **SHLOMO ARGOV**, Israel's former ambassador to London, the shooting of whom gave Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon the pretext for last year's invasion of Lebanon, has made his first public statement the attempt on his life: "Those who talked of war and those who led us to it should have thought more than twice about the price, especially in human lives," Argov told the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*. "Did those who forecast this war also forecast the degree of adventurism in it? . . . The war in Lebanon was an unsuccessful war, and not only because the price paid. As for the Israeli nation, it has come out of this war weaker than it was when it started." Argov is still hospitalized in Jerusalem because of the severity of his wounds.

● **SENDERO Lumonoso** staged an armed attack July 11 in broad daylight against the national headquarters of Peru's governing party, Accion Popular. One person was killed and thirty more were wounded by the terrorist group. More than 100 of the party's leaders were present for a scheduled meeting at the time of the attack.

● **EIR WELTWIRTSCHAFT**, the German-language sister to this publication, made its debut as a monthly on July 15.