

International Intelligence

Narco-terrorists on rampage in Colombia

Terrorists unleashed a wave of violence in Colombia in anticipation of June 13's anti-drug summit between the Venezuelan and Colombian Presidents. Two bombs exploded in bank branches in Bogota on June 11; two others were dismantled before exploding.

M-19 guerrilla leaders, granted amnesty by Belisario Banturac's government, threatened that, unless they are permitted to keep their strongholds in the Cauca Valley, they will consider the peace process dead and act accordingly. Thirty-five have died thus far in fierce fighting which began June 9 between the Army and 300 M-19 guerrillas in the Cauca.

Liberal Party drug defenders in Cauca today threatened to take up arms themselves if the fighting is not stopped.

Some guerrillas are known to have protection arrangements with drug traffickers in the region.

U.S.S.R. begins railway construction

In a move of great military significance, the U.S.S.R. began the crash construction of two railway lines in the Soviet Caucasus Republics of Georgia and Armenia in early 1985. The republics form the northeast border of NATO member Turkey.

The first line, scheduled for completion at the end of 1987, starts 20 kilometers (12.5 miles) south of the Georgian capital of Tiflis, and proceeds southwest to near the Turkish border at Achalkhalaki, in mountainous terrain, opposite the Turkish provincial capital of Kars.

Kars Province was part of the Tsarist Russian Empire until 1914, and was officially demanded by Josef Stalin in a post-war ultimatum to Turkey.

The second railway line, to be completed at the end of 1986, goes from the Arme-

nian town of Idzhevan southward to Razdan, across the high plateau west of Lake Sevan, to near the Turkish border.

Farrakhan 'fascinated' by Adolf Hitler

"Yes, this man fascinates me," Nation of Islam chief Louis Farrakhan said of Adolf Hitler, in an interview with West Germany's *Der Spiegel* magazine.

"In my youth," said Farrakhan, "I saw all the Hitler films. . . . I do not agree with Hitler because he hated the blacks. . . . He hated the blacks, he hated the Jews. I cannot praise his philosophy and ideology. However, I see certain basic principles that are generally valid in building up Germany."

Hitler's "great achievement," he stressed, was that he "aroused" the German people, and got the average person to support him, as well as the intellectuals.

Farrakhan had just returned from Libya, where he received untold millions of dollars from Muammar Qaddafi, an agent of the Nazi International.

Soviet 'Star Wars' work contracted to allies

The Soviet Union has given research contracts to Warsaw Pact countries to develop space-based defense systems, West German Christian Democratic parliamentarian Jürgen Todenhöfer told a *Bildzeitung* interviewer on June 13. Todenhöfer is nuclear-arms adviser to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

"East Germany is heavily involved" in working on lasers, tracking technologies, optics and mirrors, and precision instruments, he said. He also cited Czechoslovakia as a "major" participant.

Todenhöfer said that Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Sergei A. Sokolov handed out research contracts for a space defense system to East bloc colleagues at an April 26 meeting in Warsaw. The Warsaw Pact is now in the "second phase" of developing a

space-based anti-missile defense system, he said.

Todenhöfer said: "It's a political scandal that Western Europe is still fighting over whether they should participate in SDI research at all, while Moscow, together with its partners, is going ahead with its research—which it started about 10 years ago. At the same time Moscow is attacking the United States for 'militarizing space.'"

Abrahamson briefs London conference

Lieutenant-General James Abrahamson, the director of President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, outlined work in diverse areas of the program at a conference in London on June 7.

The technologies he cited include a new generation of surveillance satellites to spot missiles in flight, the development of "rail guns" which can shoot projectiles at up to 40 kilometers a second using an electromagnetic mechanism, and the development of lasers so accurate that a beam sent from the top of a skyscraper in Los Angeles could knock out a window pane in New York.

He said that an operational SDI system to defend the West from Soviet missiles would have an element of complexity no greater than that of the international telephone network. "Technically, I think that we in the West are capable of doing just about anything," he stated.

NATO ships shadow 'largest' Soviet taskforce

NATO warships in the Eastern Atlantic and English Channel approaches have been shadowing the largest Soviet naval taskforce yet to deploy from the Mediterranean, reports *Jane's Defense Weekly*.

The Soviet group, which steamed towards the Shetlands-Faroes Gap in the first week of June, includes the 43,000-ton VTOL carrier Kiev, which recently completed a

two-year refit in the Black Sea and is believed to be heading back to her Northern Fleet base.

The U.S. Navy's 10,000-ton nuclear-powered cruiser *Mississippi*, reportedly made a 30-knot dash from Norfolk, Virginia to join the shadowing group.

CIA to study Soviet ASW techniques

The CIA has commissioned a \$10 million study, following evidence that the Soviet Union has succeeded in locating submerged U.S. submarines, reports Ian Mather, the London *Observer's* defense correspondent, writing on June 11.

According to other British military sources, the Russians have been testing, aboard their *Salyut* orbital space station, a radar device to spot the tiny waves that rise to the surface as submarines pass below. They are also experimenting with satellites which might be able to spot submarines through changes in water temperature or even through the effects they have on minute marine life called plankton.

The Soviets have been devoting huge resources to "non-acoustic" methods (e.g., the radar device on *Salyut*) in anti-submarine warfare (ASW), whereas the Americans have depended most on "acoustic" ASW methods such as sonar and rows of microphones, known as SOSUS systems, fastened to the seabed.

Its nice to come from Krasnodar Oblast

In Mother Russia, it doesn't hurt to come from Krasnodar Oblast ("Region") and its Kuban River Valley.

The old Cossack center and hotbed of Great Russian chauvinism was the home region of Mikhail Suslov, for decades the Soviets' chief ideologue and Politburo member, and the real behind-the-scenes string-puller in the Kremlin.

Both of his two most famous protégés

were Krasnodar Oblast natives, and made it to the top: Communist Party general secretaries Yuri Andropov and Mikhail Gorbachov.

Andropov, at his last Central Committee plenum in December 1983, promoted Vitali Vorotnikov to the Politburo. Until then, Vorotnikov headed the Krasnodar Oblast party.

At the April 1985 plenum, Gorbachov named Krasnodar native Igor Ligachev to the Politburo. Ligachev's replacement as head of the Central Committee Department for Cadre Organization, Georgii Razumovskii, was the Krasnodar Oblast Party Chief. The same plenum appointed V. Nikonov, another Krasnodarian, as central committee secretary responsible for agricultural affairs.

British Methodists attack Freemasonry

The Methodist Church of Britain has become the first Protestant church to reject Freemasonry. A report issued by the church's executive body states:

"It is clear that Freemasonry may compete strongly with Christianity. There is a great danger that the Christian who becomes a Freemason will find himself compromising his Christian beliefs."

The church report attacked the "excessive secrecy" of the Masons, the "extravagant nature" of their oaths, and the "blood-curdling penalties" for those who break them. It said the Masonic belief in a supreme being known as "the Great Architect of the Universe," or, in some rites, as "Jabhulon," was theologically unsound and "unsatisfactory in any religious tradition." It also said that "Christians cannot accept" the "syncretism" of Masonic belief.

The report calls on Methodists not to join the Freemasons, to consider resigning if they are members, and to not allow Methodist churches to be used for Masonic meetings.

Michael Higham of the Freemasons' United Grand Lodge, who is closely tied to the British monarchy, denied the report's charges.

Briefly

● **RUSSIAN CINEMAS** are now featuring a 1 hour and 15 minute film on the life of former KGB head and Soviet party chief Yuri Andropov, which was also presented on June 15 on prime time Soviet television.

● **MCGEORGE BUNDY**, Eastern Establishment "president," on June 10 called for the Reagan administration to stop playing around with little covert operations in Nicaragua, and to go for a full-scale Cuban missile crisis there. Wrote Bundy in the *New*, "In my view, the most effective means, for the Caribbean area, was defined by our experience in the Cuban missile crisis. It is our control of the seas that can defeat and reverse" a Nicaraguan move into the Soviet sphere, and "surely we would be more likely to prevent it with naval forces than with a group of fighters open to purchase by the CIA."

● **THE ALAWITE** tyrants in Syria around the ruling Assad family must be feeling insecure, despite the support of Moscow, Henry Kissinger, and the U.S. State Department, if the hectic rate at which they are buying houses in Europe and transferring their money to Swiss bank accounts is any indication.

● **PORTUGAL** has signalled interest in participating in the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative. Portuguese Foreign Minister Gama announced on June 8 that his country's industries are very interested in participating. He said that although areas of possible cooperation would still have to be defined in talks with the U.S.A., he was sure that Portugal would contribute.

● **ALI AGCA**, the Turkish "Grey Wolf" terrorist, told a Rome court on June 13, "The order to kill the Pope came from the Soviet embassy in Sofia. We Grey Wolves acted with the determined complicity of the three Bulgarian officials in Rome: Ayvazov, Antonov, and Vassiliev. For the attempt, the Soviet embassy paid 3 million deutschemarks. . . ."