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Soviet line on AIDS surfaces in Latin America

The Peruvian leftist newspaper *Marka* on Nov. 19 ran a front-page screaming headline, "AIDS Came Out of the Pentagon"—picking up the Soviet propaganda line which surfaced in the KGB's weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta* on Oct. 30.

Marka wrote that the U.S. Marines were the first carriers, and that the Secret Service is likewise infected. The AIDS virus leaked out of a Pentagon biological warfare lab, the article continued, and is now infecting its creators themselves. The article warned against any sexual contact with North Americans, saying they are all potential carriers! Military personnel from Peru who have attended training courses with North Americans should be checked for the disease. "We are not facing an epidemic," says *Marka*, "but a pandemic which could threaten the world's population if the contagion continues as explosive as it has until now. In the U.S. nothing can be done, but here—yes!"

Swiss Nazi banker Genoud gives up lawsuit

Swiss pro-Nazi financier François Genoud on Nov. 15 withdrew his long-prepared lawsuit against six European journalists who had exposed aspects of his role in funding international terrorism.

"Judicial Capitulation of a Pro-Nazi Swiss Financier" was the headline in the French daily *Le Monde* Nov. 16; the article explained how Genoud's lawyers fought unsuccessfully for six hours to get the defendants to drop their attacks against him.

In his suit, Genoud did not deny that he was a Nazi or a terrorist-supporter, but zeroed in on marginal points of factual error which, under a new Swiss press law, would have assured him of winning the legal battle.

As *EIR* reported on Oct. 25, however, the case threatened to bring much more trial than Genoud's personal, sordid history. The trial, had it been allowed to proceed,

could have brought into the public view the history of the last 40 years of the survival of National Socialism; the role of the Nazi International in terrorism and drugs; and its connections to Soviet intelligence and Islamic fundamentalism. Genoud's role on behalf of Khomeini's Iran would certainly have come to light, among other closely guarded secrets.

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NATO allies approve \$200 million R&D project

A meeting of assistant defense ministers of NATO countries, held in Brussels on Nov. 15, agreed to join a \$200 million U.S. military research and development project. The project includes ammunition, targeting systems, pilotless drones, a new NATO frigate, and short-range anti-radar missiles.

The decision is a breakthrough, after years of heated debate. It overturns the so-called Nunn amendment, passed by the U.S. Congress, which allocated the \$200 million authorization, but with the condition that if the European allies failed to at least match the offer, Congress would reduce U.S. military commitments in Europe.

Banker Ulloa: No to García, viva Hong Kong!

Peruvian banker and former prime minister Manuel Ulloa accused the government of President Alan García of planning to destroy "the legal state" by restricting private monopolies and challenging the holdings of Armand Hammer's Occidental Petroleum Corp. Ulloa called for reducing the centralism of the nation, and endorsed a separatist plan to move Peru's capital from Lima to Cuzco.

An editorial in Ulloa's tabloid daily *Expreso* on Nov. 16 upheld the "free enterprise" model of economics, against García's dirigist policies. "Not even those few non-aligned leaders worthy of respect," the paper argued, "have been able to establish a

totally independent economic system which bears fruit, nor build a political front capable of speaking as equals with Washington and Moscow." The only Third World countries which can speak as equals are Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea, "because they have free-market policies and private enterprise." The only way Peru can someday become independent is by "subordinating politics to economics, and not vice versa," Ulloa's paper claimed.

European defense leaders back anti-missile system

West German Defense Minister Manfred Wörner is sounding out the European allies about joint research into a land-based anti-missile system to counter Soviet short-range and medium-range ballistic missiles aimed at Western Europe, according to the Nov. 20 British daily *Financial Times*.

Under discussion are land-based anti-missile missiles or lasers and tracking systems. A European version of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) "is still not an official initiative of our government," Wörner said in an interview with the *Financial Times*. "It is just my personal idea and I want to test the reaction before I go on to the political process. . . . Regardless of SDI . . . we all have to be concerned at the threat of short-range, ballistic or cruise missiles on the Soviet side."

Meanwhile the French chief of staff under former President Giscard d'Estaing, General Méry, endorsed the SDI in a Nov. 20 article in the French daily *Le Figaro*. Méry had attended a seminar on the SDI together with the director of the Institute of Atomic Physics in France, M. Felden.

Soviet official denies 'New Yalta' deal

During a tour of Syria and Lebanon early in November, Soviet Central Committee official K. Brutents denied that there is a new "Yalta" deal in the works to carve up the Middle East between Western and Soviet

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spheres of influence. That charge had been made by Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat, in an interview with *Al Ahrām* on July 25, 1985, and has been the subject of numerous commentaries in *EIR*.

In an interview with the Syrian newspaper *Al-Baath* on Nov. 3, he said: "Of course, if we take into consideration the importance of the Middle East, there is no doubt that the matter will be discussed at the [Yalta summit] talks, but how detailed and to what extent . . . it is hard to tell today. . . . Our stand, of course, is principled and known; we do not intend to change this stand. There can never be a second Yalta. Yalta is a term coined by the bourgeois press. 'Yalta' is not an insult; Yalta was the meeting of the alliance hostile to Hitlerism, at which agreement was reached on measures that would ensure the total annihilation of Hitlerism, and not on dividing Europe, as the imperialist propaganda continuously alleges. There will not be any Yalta."

Brutents criticized the agreements between the PLO and Jordan, and called for a rapprochement between Syria and Jordan instead.

Peru's Operation Condor smashes drug facilities

The third phase of Peru's military-police anti-drug campaign, Operation Condor, went into effect Nov. 15-17 and, despite setbacks due to bad weather conditions in the target zone, dynamited three airport runways belonging to narco-traffickers. The site included drug-processing facilities, outboard motorboats, electric generators, saws, army uniforms, and weapons.

The Peruvian daily *La Crónica* interviewed Interior Minister Agustín Mantilla prior to the operation. He emphasized that without international aid to support the Peruvian effort, elimination of the drug trade is "impossible." He described as "ridiculous" and "unserious" the U.S. anti-drug aid of \$3.5 million for the period from October 1985 to September 1986. What is needed, he said, is a \$300 million program to establish a permanent law enforcement presence in coca-growing regions of the jungle, which

should be financed in part by the United States—the country that is the market for most of Peru's cocaine.

Mantilla added that Peru is about to approve an anti-consumption law that would make possession of more than one gram of narcotic drugs a criminal offense.

Anti-American rioters storm through Athens

One hundred thousand anti-American demonstrators rampaged through Athens on Nov. 17, shouting slogans calling for withdrawal from NATO, the expulsion of U.S. bases from Greece, and for nuclear disarmament. The march was organized by the PASOK socialist party of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, the Communist Party (KKE), the National Students Association of Greece, and the Society of Imprisoned and Exiled Resistance Fighters.

The march began at the Athens Technical University, and then moved three miles to the U.S. embassy, smashing store windows and car windshields as it proceeded. Police at one point opened fire on the demonstrators, killing a 15-year-old boy.

Minister of Public Order Agamemnon Koutsoyorgas and his most senior aide Tsouras submitted their resignations the following day, but Papandreou refused to accept them. Greece's top three police chiefs were suspended from duty, pending an inquiry into the death of the boy.

Mexican governors rally behind de la Madrid

In an unusual advertisement run in all major newspapers on Nov. 18, all of Mexico's state governors called on "all Mexicans . . . to remain united around the basic values of the nation, defined in the Constitution." They affirmed their commitment to "fight with patriotic voluntarism against any adverse circumstance and in defense of Mexico."

The difficult financial situation demands unity around President Miguel de la Madrid, they said.

● **BELISARIO BETANCUR**, the Colombian President, held a three-and-a-half-hour meeting with all the country's living former Presidents on Nov. 19, following which they all gave their full backing to his handling of the terrorist siege of the Palace of Justice. They called on all Colombians to defend the "constitutional institutions and the system of laws" from anything which goes beyond "legitimate partisan controversy."

● **THE UNITED ARAB** Emirates announced on Nov. 15 that it has become the third Arab power in the Persian Gulf region to establish diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. Kuwait and Oman had previously established diplomatic ties with Moscow.

● **INDIAN** Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi will pay a four-day official visit to Japan starting Nov. 28. He will call on Emperor Hirohito and will have talks with Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and other officials.

● **UMBERTO ECO**, Italian sympathizer of the Red Brigades terrorist group, and author of the bestseller *The Name of the Rose*, was awarded the McLuhan Teleglobe prize on Nov. 18 for his "contribution to understanding the influence of communications in society." Eco's book is a propaganda piece for a New Dark Age, an irrationalist world outlook.

● **A COORDINATING** Committee to support Peru's Shining Path terrorists (*Sendero Luminoso*), known as the Committee of Solidarity with the Popular War in Peru, has been established in Paris. It includes representatives from Turkey, India, Iran, Afghanistan, the United States, Chile, and Colombia. The group will meet Dec. 1 at the offices of the Cultural Association of Turkish Workers, a front group for the Turkish Workers' Party/Marxist-Leninist.