

International Intelligence

Controversy over G.I. AIDS in Germany

Two noted epidemiologists have disagreed over the extent of AIDS infection among West German prostitutes, and the extent of the resulting rate of infection of U.S. servicemen.

American Dr. James J. James, stationed at the U.S. Army Hospital in West Berlin, has stated that the incidence of AIDS antibodies in blood samples from U.S. servicemen tested is only 0.24%, which compares "very favorably" with the 0.25% reported by the Centers for Disease Control among 1 million U.S. blood donors.

But researcher William A. Haseltine of the Massachusetts Dana-Farber Cancer Institute testified before Congress on Sept. 26 that between 20% and 50% of unregistered prostitutes are infected with the AIDS virus and that 5% of U.S. soldiers reporting to venereal disease clinics in Berlin are also infected.

Haseltine, who stated, "At issue is the health of our nation," vigorously defended his figures, and stated that James's "focus on rates of infection among registered prostitutes is misleading," since they operate under a license from the government and are subject to routine health examination, but they do not by any means constitute the entire population of prostitutes. He said that more than half of the unregistered prostitutes working in West Berlin near the train station were found to be infected with the AIDS virus.

Soviets gear up anti-SDI threats

Soviet military and government officials prepared for Gorbachov's and Reagan's exchange of televised New Year's messages, with a blistering attack against the United States for "breach" of the 1972 ABM treaty. Soviet Defense Ministry spokesman Lt.-General Starodubov said at a press conference in Moscow Dec. 29 that the latest Nevada underground

"direct violation" of the ABM and SALT II agreements.

Soviet foreign ministry spokesman Vladimir Lomeiko, flanked by military and foreign affairs experts, declared: "Right after the quiet religious holiday of Christmas when human beings around the world announced their hopes that their children might live in peace, the first sound the planet heard was the American nuclear explosion."

The Soviets also attacked the United States for constructing a new "phased array" radar station in Greenland and planning a similar one at Fylingdales on the Yorkshire moors. Lt.-General Starodubov said that the United States has "no grounds" to claim that a Soviet radar station being built at Krasnoyarsk in Siberia was a "missile attack warning system" and thus violated the ABM treaty. "The fact is that the radar has nothing to do with missile attack warning. Its purpose is to track space objects."

German parliamentarian hits Afghan genocide

The world must no longer tolerate "Soviet genocide" in Afghanistan, declared member of parliament Jürgen Todenhöfer on Dec. 27. Todenhöfer, a member of the Christian Democratic Union and a defense policy spokesman, denounced Russia's "colossal war crimes" in Afghanistan, and called Soviet conduct "cynical and merciless."

In a pointed reference to the "New Yalta" crowd in the West, he added, "The sad truth [is that] many Western political figures have responded mildly to the Afghan tragedy, only so as not to endanger their good contacts with the Soviet Union."

Brzezinski hails anti-SDI French defense chief

In a recent interview to the weekly magazine *Le Point*, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's National Security Council head, declared: "Let me first congratulate the new French defense minister [Paul Quiles] for his remarkable clearness of judgment on complex

technological and strategic questions. Looking with new eyes at the question, he was indeed able to reach penetrating conclusions, after only two days in office. This already constitutes remarkable intellectual success!"

Brzezinski was referring to an interview Quiles gave to *Le Monde* attacking the feasibility of the American Strategic Defense Initiative.

Brzezinski added that the French shouldn't be afraid of the SDI as it won't replace their deterrence system soon. He said the SDI is only aimed at defending missile silos, not the population—flatly the opposite of President Reagan's stated policy.

Gorbachov sends rep to church celebration

The Russian Orthodox Church celebrated the 300th anniversary of the Moscow Theological Academy at Zagorsk Dec. 29, with a Russian state official in attendance.

The U.S.S.R.'s biggest and most prestigious theological training center, the Zagorsk Academy was founded in 1685, at the Trinity Monastery of St. Sergius, 45 miles from Moscow.

After the Russian Revolution of 1917, it continued to train Orthodox clergymen.

Mikhail Gorbachov sent an official of the State Council for Religious Affairs to the anniversary celebrations. According to observers, the representative nodded in agreement to everything Patriarch Pimen, head of the Russian Church, had to say in his address at the ceremonies.

British press says AIDS can hit anyone

The Dec. 29 issue of the London *Observer* has finally noticed what the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control has not when it comes to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome:

"The issue is urgent and not just for gay men. In Africa it affects just as many women as men; it seems to spread by vaginal intercourse as effectively as by anal sex. Ordi-

nary sex is 'dangerous' as well. And AIDS does not simply hit the promiscuous. . . . We now know that the very first AIDS case in America was a heterosexual woman [San Francisco, 1976] three years before any gay man was diagnosed. We're all in this together. At the modest estimation of the Department of Health, 10,000 people [in Britain] so far are infected with the virus."

Then, however, the *Observer* proposes that the "World Health Organization (WHO) is needed to coordinate international action against AIDS, which must be defeated or humanity will be extinct within two generations. It may be a race, it seems, between the twin perils: AIDS and the Russians."

The *Observer* does not seem to observe that the WHO is Russian-dominated, particularly those sections responsible for AIDS work.

Chinese students go anti-nuclear

Chinese college students from the northwestern province of Xinjiang marched in the streets of Shanghai Dec. 27 protesting nuclear testing in the province. They waved signs saying the government is turning the province into a concentration camp, and created a terrific traffic jam.

The protests were reportedly unauthorized. However, they follow anti-Japanese demonstrations by students which are said to have been organized by a pro-Soviet faction inside the Chinese government.

Central American heads to discuss peace efforts

The Presidents of Central America have agreed to hold a breakfast meeting to discuss strategies for peace in the region. The meeting will occur during the presidential inaugural ceremonies in Guatemala, President-elect Vinicio Cerezo announced on Dec. 27.

Cerezo, who will be inaugurated Jan. 14, expressed his hope that the breakfast will be a first step toward the Presidents taking a personal role in peace negotiations.

He will propose American parliament as a forum in which the political and economic problems of the region can be discussed "without the intervention of external forces, foreign to Central American interests."

U.S.S.R. bolstering Pacific fleet

The Soviet Union recently reinforced its naval forces in the Far East by adding three warships to its Pacific Fleet, the South Korean navy reported on Dec. 30.

The new ships were first spotted off the island of Cheju on Nov. 21. The ships, which were sailing from Vietnam to the Soviet Far East port of Vladivostock, then entered "South Korea's naval operation areas," the navy said.

The ships in question are the nuclear-powered 28,000-ton *Kirov*-class battle cruiser, *Frunze*, the sister ship to the *Kirov*, which is based with the Northern Fleet at Murmansk; and one destroyer each of the *Udaloy* and *Sovremenny* classes—the two most modern destroyer classes in the Soviet Navy. Till now, *Sovremenny* and *Udaloy* class destroyers had only been stationed with the Soviets' Northern Fleet.

China reports clashes with Vietnam

Chinese frontier guards reportedly struck back over the year-end after Vietnamese troops shelled settlements in Guangxi province and staged repeated incursions, claimed the official Chinese news agency.

The agency said that the Vietnamese "recently intensified their armed provocations against Chinese border areas while concentrating forces on the Thai-Kampuchea border and starting their "eighth dry season offensive" in Kampuchea.

Vietnam's radio reported that Chinese infantry units, supported by artillery, "intruded into Cao Bang Province" and "dozens" were killed. Two other Vietnamese provinces on the border were shelled, it said.

Briefly

● **SHEIKH AL-SASSI** of Saudi Arabia, the head of the world Sufi movement, will travel to Sri Lanka on Jan. 16, 1986, to create a new international "liberal and pacifist political current," the French magazine *VSD* reports.

● **CAMEROON** will be the site of the international meeting of the Malthusian Club of Rome in 1986. This was decided following an early December 1985 visit to the African nation of Club of Rome co-founder Dr. Alexander King and Club of Rome Secretary-General Bertrand Schneider.

● **REGENSBURG'S PRINCE** Johannes Thurn und Taxis spent Christmas at the Marbella, Spain resort of Saudi Arabian billionaire Adnan Khashoggi, a premier figure in Dope, Inc.

● **'JOHN RUSKIN** was a junkie," was the headline of a Dec. 14 feature in the London *Guardian*, reporting that the 19th-century spiritual godfather of the British Fabian Society and Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, was an opium addict for at least 15 years.

● **THE SCHILLER** Institute and several associations in Paris are co-sponsoring a conference Feb. 2 in the French capital, to launch a "Committee of North-South Action Against the International Monetary Fund and for a New World Economic Order."

● **EIR'S BOOK**, *Derivative Assassination*, on Indira Gandhi's murder and the manner in which such high-level conspiracies to kill operate, has been covered in India's influential *Blitz* magazine in the context of an article on the drug crisis in India. *Blitz* noted that *Derivative Assassination* has put forward evidence to show that the Khalistan (Punjab) separatist connection to Ecuador is a drug connection, and also cites *EIR* saying, "Where there is terrorism, there is drugs."