

International Intelligence

CDC doctor's appointment under attack in France

The appointment of Dr. Jonathon Mann of the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as the World Health Organization's new "Mr. AIDS," was attacked by the Paris daily *Le Monde* on Jan. 18. Correspondent Franck Noutchi called the appointment "somewhat surprising," given the reports filed by *Le Monde* a week earlier about prestigious American and European doctors attacking the "hardly constructive" role played in Africa by the CDC, which is covering up the extent of the AIDS epidemic.

Dr. Mann, said Noutche, "was, in effect, until now, with Dr. Joseph MacCormick, the principal representative of the CDC on the black continent. His stated concern about information to the general public on AIDS is certainly laudable. But the statistics circulated by the WHO, as by the CDC, on the situation in Africa—31 cases!—seems, alas, to confirm his intention to deny the evidence of an AIDS endemic in the countries of Central Africa."

Dr. Mann was director of research for the CDC in Kinshasa, Zaire.

Who says Humboldt's education is 'outmoded'?

According to a recent outpouring of testimony from academic "experts" writing in the West German press, the classical educational system of 19th-century scientist and republican Wilhelm von Humboldt is "outmoded."

The sudden debate on this issue is a reaction to the campaign of Helga Zepp-LaRouche and organizations associated with her, to revamp the German education system along the lines developed by Humboldt, to repeal the ultra-liberal "reforms" introduced during the chancellorship of Willy Brandt in the 1960s. In an advertisement published in all major German newspapers last fall, a group called Patriots for Ger-

many, of which Mrs. LaRouche is a founding member, declared, "We demand that the education of our youth be based upon the foundations of German classical culture and the Humboldt conception of education. . . ."

Die Welt's weekend edition of Jan. 18-19 ran an article by former Mannheim University Dean Prof. Gerd Roellecke, alleging that von Humboldt never really had a practical effect on the university system.

Prof. Hartmut Schiedermaier of Cologne University, writing in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, called for a "reform" of scientific research, but stipulated that this "should, however, not be read as an inappropriate attempt to revive the example of Wilhelm von Humboldt's university. . . ."

Spain, Israel establish diplomatic relations

Spain announced on Jan. 17 that it was extending formal diplomatic recognition to Israel. The announcement came in the form of a joint statement by Spanish and Israeli diplomats at the Hague, Netherlands.

Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez traveled to the Hague on Jan. 19 to meet Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres. The joint Spanish-Israeli statement stressed the "profound historical bonds that link the Spanish and the Jewish people."

Cooperation between Spain and Israel's secret service, the Mossad, has been close, and will become closer, now that full relations between the two countries have been established, Spain's *El Pais* daily reported on Jan. 17.

According to *El Pais*, the Mossad has "given courses in preparation and improvement in the anti-terrorist fight to Spanish elite police corps," while Spain has given Israel "advanced technology to combat violence."

The Spanish elite police corps that has participated in the Mossad training programs, includes the Special Operations Group of the National Police, the anti-terrorist unit of the Guardia Civil, and experts

of the General Commissariat of Information. Special ties have been built up by Under-Secretary of the Minister of the Interior Rafael Vera, who has obtained special information on the Basque terrorist group ETA from the Mossad, during trips to Tel Aviv.

New leader of Lesotho urges reconciliation

General Metsing Justin Lekhanya, who seized control of the government of Lesotho on Jan. 20, declared in his first radio address the following morning that his regime would bring "true national reconciliation." He immediately sent emissaries to Capetown, South Africa, to negotiate an end to the blockade that has been in effect against Lesotho since the beginning of January.

Lekhanya had deposed the government of Prime Minister Leabua Jonathan, in order to end Lesotho's drift toward the Soviet Union and to repair deteriorated relations with the Republic of South Africa. Lesotho is a tiny landlocked nation of 1.5 million people in the middle of South Africa.

In the month before the coup, the South African government had been escalating pressure on Lesotho to stop allowing terrorists of the Soviet-funded African National Congress to use the country as a base for terrorist operations against South Africa. When Jonathan refused to cooperate, and began making overtures toward the Soviet Union, North Korea, and Cuba, South Africa imposed a blockade on Jan. 1.

Anti-drug activist will advise Colombian gov't

Colombian drug runners, gnostic cultists, and international drug-money-laundering bankers were left gnashing their teeth in fury Jan. 22, when Maximiliano Londoño was sworn in as an official adviser to Colombian Minister of Labor and Social Security Jorge Carrillo.

Londoño was vice-president of the Na-

tional Anti-Drug Coalition (ADC) in Colombia, which mobilized public support for the war on drugs which President Belisario Betancur launched three years ago. Londoño also helped found the Schiller Institute's Ibero-American Commission of Trade Unionists (COSIIS), which has led the fight to forge continental unity against the International Monetary Fund.

Labor Minister Carrillo, since his inauguration in October 1985, has fought for a labor-industry alliance for industrial growth, against the drug pushers and the IMF's policy of usury. The forces committed to this fight have now been visibly strengthened, with the addition of Londoño to the ranks of government. Londoño has long been hated by the forces of Dope, Inc. in Colombia, who waged a war against the ADC that included the kidnaping of Londoño's wife in August 1984.

At the inauguration ceremony for Londoño in Bogota, Carrillo stated, "I am convinced that the tasks which we began some months ago in the labor ministry are going to continue to be successful, and to assure that, from now on, we will have the cooperation of Dr. Londoño."

KGB rewrites history of JFK's presidency

One of the KGB's top propagandists, Fyodor Burlatskii, appears to have found a new career as a playwright. Burlatskii's new drama, *The Burden of Decision*, opened on Jan. 22 at the Moscow Theater of Satire. The play shows President John F. Kennedy as an anguished figure fighting off the hard-liners in his administration to avert nuclear war, during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

Just who is this "peace-loving artist" Burlatskii? A correspondent for *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, the "cultural weekly" which provides an outlet for some of the KGB's more sophisticated disinformation, he is best known abroad for his attacks against the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative. In May 1983, he came to Walter Mondale's Minneapolis to kick off a groundswell of anti-SDI protest

in the American "nuclear freeze movement"; and in an Aug. 10, 1983 article, he was the first Soviet journalist to denounce the SDI as a "casus belli." He is one of the principal Soviet polemicists against Lyndon and Helga LaRouche (e.g., *Lit. Gaz.* of Oct. 26, 1983), and tested out his purple prose in a series of articles in the spring of 1984, praising Walter Mondale to the skies.

Burlatskii's current drama goes behind the scenes at the Kennedy White House. After almost two hours filled with the threat of nuclear holocaust, Kennedy negotiates a secret peace agreement with the Soviet embassy. The play hints that Kennedy's assassination was engineered by right-wingers angry at his refusal to pursue a hard line.

The cast is full of figures from the Kennedy administration. Frank Sinatra makes a brief appearance, interrupting a clandestine meeting between Jackie Kennedy and FBI-head J. Edgar Hoover, the villain of the play.

Peace group in England infiltrated by Soviets

Soviet-trained agents have infiltrated the Greenham Common Women's protest against the presence of U.S. nuclear missiles in Britain, *Jane's Defence Weekly* charged on Jan. 20. The Greenham group is one of the major disarmament organizations in England.

The publication said that as many as six Soviet special agents have been among the women demonstrators. Citing information from unidentified Soviet defectors, *Jane's* said agents come from Warsaw Pact and Western European countries and belong to *spetsnaz* forces, whose job is to launch guerrilla and sabotage operations against specified targets in the event of a Soviet invasion of Europe.

The British Ministry of Defense declined to comment on the report. There are 96 cruise missiles now at Greenham, England, stored in six underground silos. The Greenham agents are controlled by the Soviet GRU—military intelligence—and are rotated regularly, the British weekly says.

Briefly

● **PRINCE JOHANNES** von Thurn und Taxis, the German oligarch who is said to be one of the richest men in the world—and is certainly one of the most evil—is granted one of the highest awards of West Germany, the Great Federal Service Medal (*Grosses Bundesverdienstkreuz*) for "merits in the economic and social sphere."

● **AFGHAN PRESIDENT** Babrak Karmal gave a rare interview to the Tokyo paper *Asahi Shimbun* Jan. 11, in which he rejected President Reagan's offer at the Geneva summit to serve as guarantor of a peace settlement in Afghanistan. Karmal said that Washington ignored the political and social realities of Afghanistan.

● **PRINCE CHARLES'** attacks on Margaret Thatcher were featured on the front page of the Italian Communist Party daily *L'Unità* on Jan. 20. Bonny Prince Charlie is quoted: "I don't want to become King of a divided nation." He accused Mrs. Thatcher of widening the gulf between rich and poor, and not doing enough to stop unemployment.

● **FBI DIRECTOR** William Webster arrived in Thailand, in mid-January, with the announced purpose of delivering a lecture to law enforcement officials from 12 countries, gathering in Bangkok for a four-day seminar. The seminar is sponsored jointly by the FBI and the Bangkok police.

● **RAJIV GHANDI**, the Indian prime minister, announced an overhaul of Congress Party leadership, appointing his trusted aide Arjun Singh as vice-president of the party. Three current government ministers were shifted into party leadership posts, and hence a new cabinet will be announced soon. The new Congress Party leadership is preparing for a party election called for the spring, the first such election in the history of the party.