

# International Intelligence

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## **State Department copies British Foreign Office**

The U.S. State Department is a bad imitation of the British Foreign Office, a source in West Germany commented on Feb. 26. "These State Department types are very proud of imitating the British Foreign Office; they're very British in behavior, and I know many who even have taken on the British accent. The only difference is that, at least, the British Foreign Office has a sense of tradition, and every now and then, they know when to sensibly call matters to a halt. In the State Department, however, there is no traditional counterbalance, and that is what worries me. These State Department types love to get taken in by any guerrilla leader, maybe out of bad conscience, and they have no sense of what they are doing.

"The State Department loves anybody who shoots, and keeps on shooting. They support the radical wings of the PLO, against Arafat. They support the South African National Congress, and treat [moderate black leader M. G.] And, they find the Greenies rather interesting in Germany, they just love to invite Greenies to the Bonn diplomatic parties. This kind of thing adds spice, if you can sport a Greenie at your local party."

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## **Queen Elizabeth defends anti-nuclear ban**

Queen Elizabeth II in a speech to the New Zealand parliament on Feb. 26 defended New Zealand's ban on nuclear warships, contradicting the British government's official stand. The speech, reportedly prepared by New Zealand officials, stunned opposition leaders.

The queen said that the New Zealand government did not mean to scrap its defense pact with the United States and Australia by barring warships carrying nuclear weapons from its ports. The queen acknowledged that the Anzus Pact was in jeopardy, but added: "New Zealand wishes to retain

and extend the long-standing friendship existing between the two countries."

New Zealand National Party leader Jim McLay criticized the speech for implying the United States and Australia were not seeking a solution to the problems posed by the ban. "Now that of course is a complete distortion of facts. It is the New Zealand government alone that has brought about the Anzus row," he said.

Two days earlier, the queen was the target of an egg-thrower on her arrival in New Zealand. Royal Consort Prince Philip was quoted as saying that the most grievous effect of the attack would be "on the children," to see such a degradation of the queen.

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## **Soviet space program far ahead of American**

Speaking to a gathering of a 100 British industrialists in London the week of Feb. 17, Lt.-Gen. James Abrahamson, the director of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative, said that the Soviet Union has made "a significant leap in the development of new weapons."

London *Times* defense analyst Keith Hindley commented that the U.S.S.R. is ahead of the United States in industrial-military space plans. The recent launch of a new adaptable orbiting station "puts the Soviet Union ahead not only in the industrial and military exploitation of space, but also in the race to Mars," he wrote.

The new Soviet spaceship *MIR* "will form the hub of a platform that is planned to present the Soviet Union with direct military reconnaissance advantages, a platform for scientific research, and a staging post for a manned flight to Mars. . . . The most frequent visitor to future *MIR* stations . . . is likely to be the secret military spy module. . . ."

Hindley continued: "Defense work is the mainstay of the Soviet space program. Three of the seven Salyut space laboratories of recent years were *exclusively military*, while the other undoubtedly carried out spy missions.

"The Russians are now believed to be developing a massive atomic rocket motor

which would prove invaluable on a Mars trip. . . . Atomic motors are twice as efficient as even the liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen motors of NASA's space shuttle. The Americans were developing atomic motors themselves 20 years ago, but the project was abandoned."

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## **Israeli President attacks radical Zionist**

Israeli President Chaim Herzog has accused radical Kach Party leader Meir Kahane of "desecrating" Israel's armed forces by calling armed forces leaders "assimilationists and traitors." Kahane is notorious for his Nazi-style racial attacks on Arabs and his demand that all Arabs be deported from Israel.

According to the Feb. 20 *Jerusalem Post*, Herzog told a group of high-school students that Kahane is a man who, "during all of Israel's wars, when Israel Defense Forces—including minorities—gave their lives, preferred to live in comfort in exile." Herzog attacked Kahane's "denigrating, slanderous words" against the Israeli state and against Buthelezi with the presidency.

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## **Sudan turns to the Soviet Union for help**

Sudan has appealed for economic aid to the Soviet Union and East bloc nations, as a result of the International Monetary Fund's decision to cut off aid to that economically devastated country.

According to a report on Feb. 20 in the newspaper *Al-Ayam*, the request for assistance comes in the wake of the IMF's decision in late 1985 to temporarily cut off assistance to Sudan. Sudan owes the IMF an estimated \$218 million and has paid no interest on loans for more than nine months. As a result, negotiations between Sudan and the IMF have been postponed until May.

*Al-Ayam* quoted Prime Minister El-Gizouli Dafalla saying that he would introduce an IMF-mandated austerity program, in-

cluding tax hikes, a ban on the importation of non-essential goods, and government control of foreign exchange rates.

## Resettlement program called genocidal

Ethiopia's population-resettlement program is as bad, or worse than, Hitler's holocaust and Cambodia's Pol Pot, U.S. Congressman Toby Roth (R-Wisc.) charged on Feb. 20 in London.

Roth said that 100,000 men, women, and children had already died in the resettlement program, and that 300,000 more would die this year.

"The death rates in these concentration camps are 10 times greater than what we witnessed in the relief camps at the height of the famine," he said. "A holocaust is happening again and we must speak out." He called on U.S. allies in Western Europe to join in a sanctions campaign, for which he is now pressing in Washington, against the regime of Ethiopian leader Mengistu.

"I am not asking for a stopping of humanitarian aid," said Roth, "but the trade we do with Ethiopia goes right into the coffers of the ruling class."

## Vatican denounces rise of satanism, demonology

"The Vatican Denounces the Rise of Satanism," was the headline of a feature story in the French daily *Le Figaro* on Feb. 22.

The Vatican issued a document on Feb. 21, in the official gazette of the Holy See, *Acta Apostolicae Sedis*, which "confirms the boom in savage exorcisms, denounced by several bishops of different countries," *Le Figaro* reported.

The paper reports that Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has sent a letter to 4,000 Catholic bishops around the world, stating: "For several years, prayer meetings to conjure the demonic influence, have been multiplying here and there. . . . These meetings are directed by laity, sometimes

even in the presence of a priest." The document warns, "Nobody can pronounce an exorcism on the possessed, without the authorization of the Church."

*Le Figaro* says there has been a "boom" of exorcisms and "anti-Satanic activities" recently, especially in Turin, where Cardinal Anastasio Ballestrero has just named six new exorcists, and that the Catholic periodical *Jesus* has published a dossier on the outbreak of demonic cults throughout Italy, under the title, "In the Name of Satan."

In the Vatican, says *Le Figaro*, the official "demonologist," Msgr. Corrado Balducci, is in the process of making a study of the "offensive of Lucifer and his court, from Beelzebub to Astarot." In his view, the Vatican document makes allusions to groups who pretend to be "charismatic." He said that the intervention of the Vatican is "necessary to put an end to very dangerous practices. We must not forget that, out of 5,000 who claim to be possessed, there are only 3 or 4 authentic victims of demonic possession."

## Dutch pro-life lawyers oppose euthanasia

A group of Dutch pro-life lawyers is studying how the Nuremberg Codes governing the Nazis' crimes against humanity, might be applied against the advocates of euthanasia legalization in the Netherlands. One Dutch source said, "I am alarmed by the parallels with the 1920-45 period in Germany. It began with milder forms of 'mercy-killing,' then extended to euthanasia, and then it was the handicapped, and, before too long, it was the Final Solution for the Jews and other Nazi crimes." He said lawyers are investigating the "juridical basis of the Nuremberg tribunals" for potential application now in Holland.

Thirty thousand signatures have meanwhile been gathered against the legalization of euthanasia in Holland, by pro-life organizations. One source said there is a large reserve of potential anti-euthanasia sentiment in Holland, "particularly among elderly people, who now live in great fear about the legalization of euthanasia."

● **CARDINAL SIN'S** defeat of Philippines President Marcos "realizes the dream of all Liberation Theologists," writes Gianni Baget Bozzo in the Feb. 26 issue of the Italian daily *La Repubblica*. Baget Bozzo, a former priest who became a leading international advocate of "Theolib," is also a member of the Central Committee of the Italian Socialist Party. "Sin is not a Theologian of Liberation," he writes, "but after his achievement, the theology of liberation has become part of ecclesiastical practice."

● **GIANNI AGNELLI** and Carlo de Benedetti both go to a "white magic" specialist named Rol, in the Turin area, reports the Feb. 19 issue of the Italian daily *Il Giorno*. Rol is the "most prestigious" practitioner of white magic in the Turin area, which is "thick" with occult practices.

● **'KHOMEINISM** exists not only in Iran; it also exists in Israel," Rabbi Menachem Hacohen of Israel's Labour Party-led "Alignment" group has declared. According to the Feb. 20 *Jerusalem Post*, Rabbi Hacohen said: "Israeli Khomeinism has two faces, one messianic-nationalist and the other fundamentalist-zealous. Both are extremely dangerous." He particularly attacked the fanatic Meir Kahane, for demanding a new Israeli law that would ban sex between Jews and non-Jews.

● **SIEMENS CORP.**, the West German electronics firm, has incurred the wrath of U.S. Lt.-Gen. James Abrahamson, the director of the Strategic Defense Initiative, because of its opposition to the SDI. According to a source close to the Pugwash Conference, an East-West "back channel" for arms negotiations, Siemens "is very much against U.S.-West German SDI cooperation." Abrahamson is on tour in Western Europe.