

# International Intelligence

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## ***Gorbachov attacks domestic critics***

Soviet party General-Secretary Mikhail Gorbachov assailed opponents of his program for "economic and moral renewal"—i.e., military-industrial mobilization—in a speech before Soviet academicians at the Kremlin on Oct. 1.

"The old is not giving up without a fight," he stated. Noting that half of all Soviet citizens with science degrees teach in educational institutions, he asked: "Can one say they are all making a contribution to scientific, technological, and social progress in accordance with the requirements of the time? Frankly speaking, no."

A week earlier, on Sept. 25, the Communist Party Central Committee had drafted a resolution stating:

"Bureaucratic perversions in the work of management and lack of discipline and responsibility are acting as brakes on reconstruction." The resolution was printed in the Oct. 1 *Pravda*. It says that decisions of last February's party congress were still not being carried out rapidly enough. The drive for renewal is "facing difficult social, psychological, and organizational obstacles and meeting resistance from those who, in their egoistical interests, try to preserve obsolete rules and privileges."

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## ***Greens, Socialists ready for coalition***

A national conference of the Soviet-controlled radical "ecologist" Green Party of West Germany voted up a motion declaring that the party is "prepared to deal" with the Social Democratic Party (SPD), should the two parties win a majority of votes in the general elections next January.

The Greens voted in favor of examining possibilities for cooperating with the SPD, but said their support would require that the SPD bring its policies even closer to the Greens policies than they already are.

The SPD has already pledged to elimi-

nate all nuclear technology from West Germany, withdraw from NATO, and otherwise begin a process of merging with the Soviet bloc under a "neutral label."

A faction of the Green Party attacked the proposal, however. The strongest objections came from Petra Kelly, a party founder, who said: "Any social democratization will make the Greens superfluous."

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## ***KGB's Pankin almost made 'culture minister'***

*EIR* sources have thrown a special light on the meaning of the word "culture" in Russian. Boris Pankin almost became the "culture minister" of the U.S.S.R., but was passed over in favor of Vasilii Zakharov, the current minister of culture, because Pankin is a rather too prominent major-general in the KGB. Pankin is the current Soviet ambassador to Sweden, and has coordinated an international disinformation campaign aimed at blaming the Feb. 28 assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme on the European Labor Party, associates of Lyndon LaRouche in Sweden.

According to a highly reliable Soviet affairs source, Pankin was a clear favorite for a time. In fact, his credentials to head the ministry of culture in Moscow's eyes were "impeccable." But, after more than two months of debate, discussion, and delay, the Soviet leadership finally decided that Pankin had a "bad reputation in the West." Pankin is just too openly identified with the KGB and dirty tricks.

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## ***British fears aroused over AIDS***

AIDS in Africa is affecting "whole families," the *Sunday Telegraph* reports. It says: "In Zambia recently, a 30-year-old man, his wife and their new-born baby all died of the disease within a few months of each other." The *Telegraph*, only one of the British newspapers recently featuring articles and statements sounding the alarm over the in-

curable killer disease, quotes a recent statement by the Zambian Health Minister, Dr. S. Nyaywa: "It is possible that quite a large population in Africa will be wiped out, not by war or hunger, but by this deadly disease."

Sunday Telegraph editor Peregrine Worsthorne wrote Sept. 28 that AIDS may be the worst health threat to the human race "since the Black Death which laid waste to mankind in the Middle Ages." He derided the authorities' inaction on AIDS, saying: "The dangers of radiation from power stations, about which there is so much protest, are as nothing to the dangers of AIDS. Yet so far not a single do-gooding group has been formed to press the Government to take preventive action. . . . Rather the opposite, AIDS would seem to be the one great modern scourge which the protest industry might almost seem to have a soft spot for. . . ."

"Quite deliberately, the war against AIDS is distinctly phony, and has not yet begun to be seriously joined. Nobody must be hurt, except, of course, the poor public. This is a scandalous state of affairs."

In one of four letters to the editor on AIDS published by the newspaper, it is observed that the government would have taken much more effective action, had this been a disease affecting animals.

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## ***Suicide law ruled unconstitutional in India***

The Indian High Court in Bombay, in a suit filed by "right-to-die" groups, declared unconstitutional the Indian penal code that imposes mandatory psychiatric care on attempted suicides. The chief justice of Delhi had made a similar decision last December.

The verdicts were welcomed by Mino Masani, president of the World Federation of the Right to Die Societies, the *London Times* reported Oct. 1. He said, "Every citizen of India has the right to choose between life and death—that is the law in all civilized countries."

But Dr. Pritam Phatani, a Bombay forensic expert, denounced the barbaric decision: "If the constitution gives the right to

life, then it must also extend this protection to include the threat to a person from his own self." He said the decisions would "encourage such barbaric customs as suttee [suicide by Hindu wives after their husband's death], which have been restricted . . . after years of pitched battles."

Phatani also said that abolishing the law would conflict with legislation against aiding and abetting suicide, and recently amended legislation to prevent bride burning. In India, cases of brides who do not bring sufficient dowry to their husbands being burnt by their husbands and in-laws in so-called "suicides" are a national problem.

He also warned that "people will begin to take advantage of such power as fasting to death or self-immolation gives to political protest."

## **French, Italian officials accuse Syria**

French Cooperation Minister Michel Aurillac reports that Syrian intelligence agents helped those responsible for a recent wave of bombings to escape from France. In an interview with *Le Figaro* Sept. 29, he stated: "We know with certainty that the [Lebanese] Abdallah brothers are involved in the bombings. We also know with certainty that they were helped out of France by professional intelligence agents"—the Syrians.

The purpose of the interview was to explain the minister's recent trip to Syria. Aurillac said he presented the Syrians with evidence to prove his assertion, to which the Syrians pleaded innocence.

A few days earlier, French magazines had reported that three to four Syrian agents were known to have controlled the on-the-ground operations of the Abdallahs in France.

Meanwhile, the next day's edition of the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera* carried the headline: "It Is Definite: Syria Finances Terrorism with Drug Traffic." According to Italian intelligence service (SISDE) chief Vincenzo Parisi, the Jordanian Palestinian captured in London for trying to place a

bomb on an El Al flight a few months ago, Nazar Hindawi, has confessed to being trained in Syria as a drug courier, and then suddenly being used for the terror attempt.

Parisi also stated: "The Italian underworld has contacts with Syrian officials, exchanging large quantities of weapons and explosives for drugs. The weapons are then used by the terrorists for attacks in Europe and in our country. . . ."

## **Prince Philip proclaims Satanic alliance**

Speaking in Assisi, Italy, England's Prince Philip proclaimed: "Today, in this famous shrine of the saint of ecology, a new alliance has been forged between the forces of religion and the forces of conservation."

Philip was addressing the World Wildlife Fund's 25th anniversary ceremony at a Franciscan monastery, which his aides have called a "cultural watershed," and an event designed to determine "the next 25 years" of Western culture. What the Prince was actually inaugurating was a new "Satanist Covenant."

The World Wildlife Fund's "Assisi Week," lasting from Sept. 22-29, formally initiated a "Religious Network for Conservation," or, in the words of one organizer, a "new alliance of the major world faiths and the conservation movement." In short, Prince Philip inaugurated a project to return Western culture to pagan bestiality, based on merging environmentalism with pseudo-religious cultism. The notion of progress and domination over nature, embodied in the Golden Renaissance and the leading currents of the major world religions, is to be destroyed.

The event was opened by the blowing of the Jewish Shofar and Tibetan mountain horns, and readings from the Bible, the Bagavad-Gita, and the Koran. Franciscan Rev. Lanfranco Serinni said that the new world religion envisaged by Philip is based on the "conservation and ecological harmony of the natural world." This, he said, is the common heritage of Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Jainism.

## **Briefly**

● **GEORGII ARBATOV**, head of Moscow's U.S.A. and Canada Institute, is in trouble because of his failure to predict U.S. policy, says the Danish paper *Politiken* of Sept. 29: "Reagan's stubbornness and his ability drum up internal political backing for his policies have surprised Arbatov several times."

● **GENERAL JARUZELSKI** of Poland arrived in Beijing Sept. 28, the first of a series of high-level visits of Eastern European leaders to China. He met with Premier Deng Xiaoping and General-Secretary Hu Yaobang. Erich Honecker of East Germany will visit in October, and Hungary's Janos Kadar will visit next year.

● **NORTH KOREA** will probably increase its military assistance to Nicaragua. In August, Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega met with North Korean dictator Kim Il-Sung in Pyongyang, for talks centered on military assistance. Kim pledged to "stand firmly" by Nicaragua.

● **FRANZ JOSEF-STRAUSS**, head of Germany's Christian Social Union, a partner in the government coalition, has announced that his party will run on its own separate program in January 1987 elections. Strauss cited "bad experiences" with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's Free Democratic Party.

● **TWELVE SYRIAN** "businessmen" have been ordered to leave France, as part of that nation's crack-down on terrorists.

● **FRANÇOIS MITTERRAND** was personally responsible for the Sorbonne University's decision to grant a doctorate degree to Syrian Defense Minister Mustafa Tlas, according to columnist Jack Anderson. The French President reportedly believed that this would aid negotiations over French hostages in Lebanon.