

International Intelligence

Chinese students defy official ban

Students at Beijing University, ignoring official threats against illegal campus wall posters, on Dec. 27 erected new signs telling the government that it should "learn a lesson" from the ouster of Ferdinand Marcos. "Because Marcos was a dictator, the Philippine people removed him from office and brought in a democratic government," said one poster. Another poster described economic and social progress in South Korea and Taiwan, chiding, "The Communist Party should do a better job than the Kuomintang in Taiwan."

Many of the student protesters in China were trained in the United States, report sources. The leader of the student movement, Feng Li Zhi, vice-president of the China University for Science and Technology in Hefei, studied at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies. China sends 10,000 students to the United States annually.

The protest movement says that it is focused on creating the conditions for intellectual debate and permitting intellectuals to take major roles in policy-shaping, as indicated in a recent speech by Feng Li Zhi: "Those of us who have worked abroad agree unanimously that the rate of efficiency for individual work is much higher abroad than it is here. I myself would estimate that the ratio is about five to one in favor of work done abroad. Chinese are not stupider than other people. Why can't they do good work? . . . I think this must have something to do with our social environment. . . ."

Moscow hails terror in South Africa

ANC terrorism is the key to "liberation" from apartheid, the Soviet military daily *Red Star* wrote on Dec. 18. "Spear of the Nation"—such is the name of the people's liberation army of South African patriots, which for 25 years has been leading the armed struggle against the inhuman regime of apartheid in

the SAR. . . ." reads the article, in reference to the military arm of the African National Congress.

"The patriots are carrying out attacks on military and economic objects of the racists that are of decisive importance. These include the powerful synthetic fuel production complex 'Sasol,' the nuclear center in Kurg, the military base near Pretoria, and others. . . . In 1985 alone, they carried out 185 operations, and this year already considerably more. Their combat troops are now attacking army patrols and army posts, organizing diversions against railroad lines and electrical power stations, and blowing up important bridges. They have unleashed a genuine partisan war and have already accumulated a lot of experience."

The chief of the South African Air Force, Lt.-Gen. Denis Earp, said in Namibia Dec. 18 that the major conflict in South Africa is not between black and white. He noted that Moscow is increasingly supporting the ANC in South Africa, and that the ANC's military wing is controlled *in toto* by an officer of the KGB. "We are fighting a struggle of life and death," he said.

John Paul: Development needs solidarity

Pope John Paul II praised the legacy of Pope Paul VI and *Populorum Progressio*, in his New Year's Day Address, under the title, "Development and Solidarity: two keys to peace." Excerpts follow:

"My predecessor Pope Paul VI issued an appeal to all people of good will to celebrate a World Day of Peace on the first day of each civil year. . . ."

"1987 also marks the 20th anniversary of the publication of *Populorum Progressio*. This celebrated encyclical of Paul VI was a solemn appeal for concerted action in favor of the integral development of peoples. Paul VI's phrase—'Development is the new name for peace'—specifies one of the keys in our search for peace. Can true peace exist when men, women, and children cannot live in full human dignity? Can there be a lasting peace in a world ruled by rela-

tions—social, economic, and political—that favor one group or nation at the expense of another? Can genuine peace be established without an effective recognition of that wonderful truth that we are all equal in dignity, equal because we have been formed in the image of God who is our Father? . . ."

"The unity of the human family has very real repercussions for our life and for our commitment to peace. . . . It means that we commit ourselves to a *new Solidarity . . . a new relationship, the social solidarity of all.*

" . . . This means promoting effectively and without exception the equal dignity of all as human beings endowed with certain fundamental and inalienable human rights. . . ."

"Certainly, the continuing problem of the external debt of many of the developing countries could be looked at with new eyes if everyone concerned would consciously include those ethical considerations in the evaluations made and the solutions proposed. . . ."

"*There is yet another threat to peace, one that throughout the world saps the very roots of every society: the breakdown of the family. The family is the basic cell of society. The family is the first place where development occurs or does not occur. . . .* [original emphasis]."

Did Israelis kidnap man to hide A-bomb stash?

Top Italian anti-terrorist investigator Domenico Sica has opened an inquiry into claims by Israeli nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu before a Jerusalem court on Dec. 21, that the Israeli Mossad abducted him in Rome for leaking Israel's secret stockpiling of atomic bombs.

Vanunu is imprisoned in Israel awaiting trial on treason and espionage charges. He faces a possible death sentence.

The *Sunday Times* of London on Oct. 4 had printed Vanunu's claim that Israel had secretly stockpiled between 100 and 200 atom bombs. Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi said Dec. 23 he was getting no help from Israel on verifying Vanunu's claim, an

allegation which the Israeli ambassador to Italy urged the Italian government to ignore.

The Israeli government press office announced the following day that it would withhold all services it normally gives foreign correspondents from the *Standard* newspaper of London for reporting Vanunu's claim before the court and violating censorship.

Bloody riots hit Hamburg

Bloody mass riots in Hamburg, Germany left 120 policemen and an equal number of rioters injured the weekend of Dec. 19. About 1,200 hard-core members of "Autonomous Groups" split off from the mass rally of 10,000 "squatters"—illegal, counterculture house occupiers—and attacked police with steel pellets, iron bars, and precision slingshots.

The rally, a protest against police searches of houses occupied by the extremists, was organized by the Green Party, Young Socialists (Social Democratic youth group), and the West German Communist Party.

Following the battles with police, the rioters attacked shops and banks, breaking windows and setting fires. Millions in damages were reported.

Soviets intercepted in U.S. airspace

Four Soviet bombers were intercepted in two incidents off the Alaskan coast on Dec. 12 and Dec. 16 and steered away from U.S. territory, a spokesman for the Alaska Air Command said Dec. 24. The incidents brought to 40 the number of Soviet military aircraft intercepted off the Alaskan coast this year, up from 30 planes intercepted in 1985, and 11 Soviet planes intercepted in 1984.

Two Tupelov Tu-95 "Bear" D Soviet reconnaissance planes were also intercepted in the U.S. coastal air zone about 80 miles off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina on Dec.

18, the Air Force also announced.

The Air Force recently moved Airborne Warning and Control System planes (AWACS) into the area because of increased Soviet presence.

The Air Force and Navy also revealed plans to install over-the-horizon radar in Alaska to support fleet operations in the North Pacific. Last August, Navy Secretary John Lehman announced a new policy of staging Navy operations in the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea.

In the North Carolina incident, the Soviet aircraft, after being escorted out of the coastal air zone by U.S. fighter planes, again flew into the air zone and were met by additional fighters from Langley Air Force Base, the Selfridge Air National Guard base in Michigan, and Jacksonville, Florida. This was the fifth time this year that U.S. jets have intercepted Soviet jets in the defense zone, the Air Force said.

Chirac under pressure from rail strike

The government of French Premier Jacques Chirac was under heavy pressure at year's end to end a two-week-old national railroad strike. Chirac, who canceled a New Year's vacation in Tunisia, had not intervened publicly so far.

French trade union chiefs on Dec. 30 broke off talks to end the strike, after the railway management refused to abolish plans for a new wage structure. On the following day, they presented their demands to the independent mediator named by the government, Francois Levondes, who says the government has given him a "very wide room for maneuver without any sort of directive."

On another front, the government succeeded in winning a pledge from striking seamen's unions Dec. 30 to return to the negotiating table. Most of the country's merchant marines have been on strike for three weeks against government plans to allow shipowners to use a French island in the Indian Ocean to register convenience flag vessels with non-French crews.

Briefly

● **'PROJECT 620'** is the code-name of a new strategic storage facility being built in South Korea for U.S. weapons, located inside Mount Kenren in the city of Kondja, south of Seoul. The *People's Korea* newspaper says that the construction is connected with the transfer to South Korea of U.S. Lance theatre missiles, capable of carrying nuclear and neutron warheads.

● **TWO JUDGES** who released Colombian drug traffickers were suspended by the appeals court in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and now face trial.

● **TERRORISTS** set off a car bomb in front of the Lima, Peru elections board on Dec. 31, hours after it had been announced that the candidate of President Alan Garcia's APRA party had defeated a leftist in a close race for mayor of the capital. Four men in a truck opened machine-gun fire on the police guarding the building. Then a ball of fire shot up three stories as a car exploded, showering debris 70 meters in all directions.

● **THAILAND'S** cabinet ministers received a New Year's gift of condoms from the country's top family planning crusader. Economist Mechai Viravaidya said Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda described his condoms as an "excellent gift." Prem, 65, is a bachelor.

● **EIR CORRESPONDENT** Pak-dee Tanapura spoke before the Thai Internal Security Operations Command Dec. 26, on the topic of the American versus the British system of economics.

● **NICARAGUAN** Foreign Cooperation Minister Henry Ruiz Hernandez met with Eduard Shevardnadze and other Soviet leaders in Moscow at the end of December. A communiqué issued in Managua said, "The two countries signed economic and technical agreements of great importance to both nations."