

# International Intelligence

## ***AIDS threat comes to Asia***

Asia is "the last frontier for AIDS," said World Health Organization director for the Western Pacific, Hiroshi Nakajima, according to the *International Herald Tribune*.

- Indonesia reported its first AIDS death this month. The victim was a Dutch tourist.
- Singapore also reported its first AIDS death in April. The victim, a citizen of Singapore, was infected from blood transfusions abroad, officials said.
- In March, a Zairean diplomat based in China died of AIDS in Hong Kong, where he had gone for treatment.
- Health authorities in Japan and Australia both say they are concerned at the way AIDS is spreading from "high risk groups" to heterosexual men and women.
- Australian Health Minister Neal Blewett announced that he is inviting health ministers and advisers from the Asia-Pacific region to a World Health Organization conference in Sydney or Melbourne in July, to cooperate on measures to prevent the spread of AIDS.
- Dr. Ian Gust, director of virology at the Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital in Melbourne, told the *International Herald Tribune* that mass travel and tourism were making it very difficult to control the spread of AIDS.

## ***Foresee leftist takeover of Labour***

Whatever the outcome of Britain's upcoming general elections, the internal composition of the British Labour Party will shift dramatically toward control by hardcore leftist elements, writes the magazine *Social Democrat*, organ of Dr. David Owen's Social Democratic Party.

"One fact is incontrovertible," says the magazine. "The moderate parliamentary party that sustained Labour throughout three

major periods of government since the war has gone for good."

The magazine says many of Labour's new recruits are allied to the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party, and support both the "Committee for Nuclear Disarmament" demand for British withdrawal from NATO, and proposals for closer Labour relations with the Irish Republican Army.

The *Times* of London emphasizes that Owen's Social Democrats hope to capitalize electorally on the left takeover of the Labour Party.

## ***Reagan to participate in drug conference***

"President Reagan is to take part in a summit conference of Latin American presidents later this year to discuss his campaign against the international drug trade," reported London *Times* correspondent Geoffrey Matthews from Bogota, Colombia April 24. The summit is likely to be in Bogota, with Colombian President Virgilio Barco as host.

According to Matthews, "Although the drug trade is the main motive for the meeting, participants will also discuss other topics including Latin America's foreign debt and economic development. . . . Latin American presidents are likely to tell Mr. Reagan that the drug trade fuels corruption and violence in their countries, with mounting evidence in Colombia and Peru, in particular, that drug racketeers finance and run arms to guerrilla groups."

Meanwhile, Mexican Defense Minister Gen. Juan Arevalo Gardoqui met with his U.S. counterpart, Caspar Weinberger, in Washington April 22, and gave him an extensive report on Mexico's anti-drug efforts over the past four years. Arevalo then told the press that "it would not be smart" to disrupt good relations between the two countries.

Weinberger publicly agreed that "the most important aspect of this necessary mutual collaboration is respect for the principles and sentiments" of the two nations.

## ***British scientists being murdered?***

Eleven British defense scientists have either disappeared, "committed suicide," attempted suicide, or died under mysterious circumstances over the recent period.

The April 18 *Daily Express*, in a feature entitled, "Conspiracy or Coincidence," reports on the most recent case, involving a defense salesman, Robert Greenhalgh, who is in stable condition in Reading Hospital "after apparently attempting suicide." Greenhalgh fell 40 feet onto a railway line near his ICL office in Reading.

Greenhalgh works with the defense division of the ICL company, which has confirmed that he has access to "sensitive" NATO information.

Each of the 11 individuals, says the *Express*, "had been involved in work for the Ministry of Defense." The Defense Ministry, however, is refusing a request for a parliamentary investigation.

The *Express* concludes that the events represent "an extraordinary sequence," with some in Britain believing it "demands more than a terse dismissal."

## ***Cardinal Ratzinger to travel with Pope***

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, will accompany Pope John Paul II to Germany for a one-week visit beginning April 29. Ratzinger does not usually travel with the Pope's entourage outside of Italy, and the announcement created a small storm among liberal Catholics in Germany.

Ratzinger became the bane of the liberals in the period leading up to the Pope's Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in Rome in November 1985. He has attacked economic policies which are detached from morality, and orchestrated the disciplining of "dissi-