

# 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-

dents" who believe it their right to teach any private opinion as if it were part of Catholicism.

The Pope's decision may be read as a warning to the German liberals, a warning underscored by recent statements of Bishop Joachim Degenhardt of the important Paderborn diocese. Degenhardt denounced the government's "use condoms" campaign around AIDS as "pushing aside all moral values." He accused the government of failing on such fundamental values as family and marital relationships, of refusing to change the "libertinist sexual morality, which has become the fashion today."

The archbishop also called on "all those who bear responsibility in society and politics" to address the "necessity of a radical change, after the so-called liberal image of man has proven to be a misleading and false track."

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### ***Thurn und Taxis confab celebrates Russian church***

A five-day conference under the title, "1000 Years Between the Volga and the Rhine," bankrolled by the fabulously wealthy Prince Johannes von Thurn und Taxis, was held April 21-26 in Regensburg, Bavaria at the Benedictine Ostkirchliche Institut. The Prince's castle is located there, and contains a Benedictine monastery.

Officially sponsored by the Ecumenical Commission of the German Catholic Bishops Conference, the conference will celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of the Russian Orthodox Church.

A delegation from the Moscow Patriarchate was to be headed by Metropolitan Filaret of Kiev and Metropolitan Pitirim, and was to include leading European members of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, like Father Graf (Count) Ignatiev, descendant of the notorious Czarist secret police (Okhrana) family. Papers prepared focused on "One thousand years of relations between the Russians and the Germans" on

the "cultural, political, economic, and religious levels."

A source close to the Vatican said the conference celebrating the "Russian" millennium is a "slap in the face" to Pope John Paul II, who has asked Soviet authorities for permission to visit Kiev, not Moscow, to celebrate the millennium of Kievan Rus. The Thurn und Taxis faction wants the Catholic Church in West Germany to conform to Moscow's agenda—allowing the Pope to visit only Moscow for the celebrations.

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### ***Bilderberg Group convenes in Italy***

There's lots of conspiring going on in the tiny town of Cernobbio, Italy these days. The annual summit of the Bilderberg Group began there on April 22, in the Lake Como area of Italy.

An account published on the front-page of Italy's *Il Giornale* the following day, said expected attendees include Henry Kissinger, Paul Volcker, David Rockefeller, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, Fiat magnate Gianni Agnelli, and possibly Guido Carli, former Bank of Italy governor.

The proceedings of the second day were to begin with a panel on "Strategy Toward the U.S.S.R.," while April 25, was to begin with a panel led by Rockefeller, on "The Public Sector and Economic Growth."

*Il Giornale* headlines its coverage of the Bilderberg meeting, "How to Get Together the Kings of the World Without Any Publicity." The "secret meeting," it says, is being guarded by 1,000 police and carabinieri at the Hotel Villa d'Este in Cernobbio.

The same news report calls the Bilderberg Group a "secret society," a "kind of masonry," which is thought by the right wing to be a group of financiers who lend money to communists, and by the left wing to be a bunch of people who make coups d'état.

A mainstream view, the paper concludes, is that the Bilderbergers want to "reinforce the technocratic component of governments."

## *Briefly*

● **ITALY** is now governed by a minority, one-party caretaker government, under Christian-Democratic president of the Senate, Amintore Fanfani. The government was voted down April 20, in preparation for general elections in June. Attempts by outgoing Prime Minister Craxi and Foreign Minister Andreotti to form a stable government to last until scheduled elections in 1988, were unsuccessful.

● **AFGHANISTAN'S** former king is reported ready to return to Kabul to consider leading a government of "National Unity," says Soviet-agent billionaire Armand Hammer. The French paper *Liberation* April 18 quotes Hammer saying that he has held a series of discussions with the king.

● **TWO BRITONS** were arrested at Paris's Charles de Gaulle Airport, carrying five kilos of cocaine, worth three-quarters of a million pounds-sterling. Simultaneously, Scotland Yard began raiding the London addresses of associates of the two, and found 200,000 pounds-worth of drugs.

● **NATO MANEUVERS** have been set for June, it was announced April 21 at Supreme Allied HQ in Brussels. The maneuvers, code-named "Aurora Express," will test the rapid deployment capabilities of NATO's Allied Mobile Force. Five thousand troops representing seven NATO member nations including the United States, Turkey, Belgium, Britain, Italy, and West Germany, will participate.

● **'SPY MANIA'** in France, leading to the expulsion of Soviet "diplomats" and the revelation that hundreds of important French firms are infiltrated by the KGB, is a "provocation" by "conservative and reactionary elements in France . . . looking for ways of discrediting the Soviets," says the latest issue of the Soviet publication, *New Times*.