

International Intelligence

Strategic crisis set to flare up in Yugoslavia?

Strategic experts from Austria, Great Britain, West Germany, and Italy have told *EIR* that they anticipate a Soviet-manipulated international crisis over Yugoslavia, perhaps within weeks.

The experts point to the country's severe economic crisis—aggravated by the International Monetary Fund's austerity demands—which exacerbates longstanding ethnic conflicts. Yugoslavia's official inflation rate is about 100%, but the sources say it is much higher. Strikes in the coal industry and elsewhere portend serious labor conflict.

One indicator of the crisis atmosphere, is that the April 28-29 Yugoslav Communist Party plenum, which usually is reserved for discussions on ideology or routine matters of the economy, was exclusively devoted to the situation in Kosovo, where there has been unrest among ethnic Albanians.

Sources say the Soviets may make a strategic thrust into the region encompassing the Balkans, the Aegean, and parts of the Middle East. Said one informed military expert: "Watch for historical conflicts, that go back to the ambitions of old czarist Russia, to be reactivated. In Yugoslavia, many things that have been kept under the carpet, will now rise to the surface."

France's Chirac escapes assassination attempt

A planned assassination attempt against French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac was aborted several weeks ago, thanks to close cooperation between French and American intelligence services, revealed Interior Minister Charles Pasqua on May 5. The plot was made known to Chirac during his visit to Washington.

French police have also scored recent successes against Middle Eastern terrorist networks in France. Pasqua, who did not make a direct link between these networks and the operation against Chirac, warned that "if we obtain proof that a state spon-

sored the operation . . . we will take all necessary retaliations."

Gorbachov meets with African front-line states

The foreign affairs ministers of Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, and Mozambique, and the justice minister of Angola, gathered in Moscow on April 28 for a conference with Soviet leaders Mikhail Gorbachov and Anatoly Dobrynin. That extraordinary meeting took place after the five ministers had jointly toured several East bloc countries, to rally support for the "front-line" states against South Africa.

Nothing of substance has leaked out on Gorbachov's speech, except references in the Soviet Communist Party paper *Pravda* to the fact that he praised the "just cause" of the front-line states.

The summit follows more than two months of very active Soviet diplomacy in the region, with at least three high-level Soviet delegations there and a major arms deal between Zimbabwe and the Soviet Union.

Lord Carrington rejects the 'zero-option' deal

NATO Secretary-General Lord Carrington denounced as "absolutely fatal," the Soviet "double-zero" proposal for abolishing both medium-range and short-range missiles in Europe. Carrington warned in Brussels on May 5 that Europeans "for the first time ever face the real possibility of a Soviet proposal likely to lead to denuclearization, and they do not like it at all."

Lord Carrington has been one of the staunchest defenders of a "New Yalta" deal with the Soviet Union, including an arms-control component which would cripple the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative program. But he has now joined Henry Kissinger and other "New Yalta" stalwarts, in criticizing the current extreme proposals for nuclear withdrawal from Europe.

Noting that NATO was under pressure to reach a deal before the forthcoming U.S. presidential elections, Carrington warned

against an "agreement at any price." The *Times* of London commented on May 6 that Carrington's statements, coming on the eve of a key West German Cabinet meeting on arms control, will strengthen the position of West German officials who have strong doubts about the double-zero option.

Cuban troops bring AIDS back from Angola

Many of the 300,000 Cuban soldiers who have served a tour of duty in Angola were exposed to AIDS-carrying prostitutes, says Jonathan Mann, the World Health Organization's AIDS director. Mann maintains that 59% of the prostitutes are infected with the disease. According to a report by Cord Meyer published in the *New York Post* on May 6, Cuban wounded received transfusions from African blood banks until the middle of 1986, with as much as 20% of that blood contaminated.

About 15,000 Cuban wounded may have been infected in that manner. Also, the multiple use of syringes for injections is widely practiced in Africa as well as in Cuba itself, creating another route of infection. "Castro's determination . . . to bolster [Angola] against the UNITA guerrillas has forced him to avoid drawing the connection between African service and AIDS," wrote Meyer.

U.S., Soviet to monitor 'nuclear risk' incidents

The United States and the Soviet Union have announced agreement on setting up nuclear-risk-reduction centers in their respective capitals, as proposed during the Geneva summit in 1985. Details of the agreement were not released, pending signing of the agreement by President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachov.

The scheme initially put forward called for each country to establish observation centers in the other's capital for round-the-clock monitoring of potential "nuclear incidents." The centers would have hot lines to their respective capitals, to facilitate communications in time of crisis, reported the

Baltimore Sun on May 6.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, "The administration welcomes this agreement as a practical measure that will reduce the risk of conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union, particularly nuclear conflict that might result from accident, misinterpretation, or miscalculation."

Where Britain's MI-5 gets its intelligence

Private Eye, a British weekly slander-and-gossip sheet widely read by the intelligence community and political insiders, carried a report in its May 1 edition on *EIR*'s April 13 press conference in London on "Project Democracy." After various distortions and slanders typical of the international news media, the article, concluded with the following noteworthy paragraph:

"At the Waldorf press conference it was mentioned that there would soon be a London office of the *EIR*, an announcement that would please no one except the loony right—and, of course, the intelligence services. For MI-5, in particular, holds the *EIR* in high regard. It takes a lot of information from it and has close contacts with its West German personnel: a peculiar arrangement for an intelligence service sworn to uphold the British constitution and protect the Queen."

Kissinger Watch: Henry's travels to Spain

Henry Kissinger arrived in Spain early in May for a full itinerary of "unofficial" meetings with government leaders, on such issues as the Ibero-American debt crisis, U.S.-Spanish military relations, and the future of NATO.

On May 4 he was received by Prime Minister Felipe González. According to the government's official spokesman, they discussed East-West relations, prospects for disarmament, and the problems that the "zero-option" plan for withdrawing Euro-missiles will cause. Kissinger noted that

Gorbachov's arms-control proposal has both "advantages and dangers." They further discussed the debt situation in Ibero-America, and problems of "the consolidation of democracy in the region." Concerning the reduction of U.S. troops in Spain, Kissinger said that he does not believe there will be a real crisis between the two countries over this issue.

Kissinger also met with King Juan Carlos, Foreign Minister Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, and Hernández Mancha, president of the Popular Alliance party.

Terrorists, witches in control of Green party

An openly pro-terrorist faction gained control of the leadership of the West German Green party, with the election of three members of the so-called fundamentalist grouping as the party's new chiefs, during a party convention May 1-2. The move marks a shift toward street violence, such as that which broke out in West Berlin on May Day.

The leaders are Jutta Ditfurth (re-elected), Christian Schmidt, and Regina Michalik. The new Green Party presidium is also under the firm control of the "fundamentalists."

Ditfurth has close "diplomatic contact" to the Soviet leadership, and was among the first, in 1983, to begin sabotage actions against military installations in West Germany.

Schmidt, from Hamburg, represents those who are responsible for the bloody riots, street fights, and arson attacks against 18 department stores in 1986.

Michalik, a radical feminist, advocates abortion up to the seventh or eighth month of pregnancy, and is among those who attacked the Pope for his recent German tour. In one of her presentations to the convention, she said, "I will do what my spirit tells me, which is what was once called the mark of the witch."

Another ranking Green, Hans-Helmut Vogl, presented a proposal to hold the next Green convention in Leningrad, and to have the costs paid by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Briefly

● **THE WEST GERMAN** ambassador to the Soviet Union, Joerg Kastl, has announced his resignation, after criticizing Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher for his dealings with Moscow. Kastl, one of the most experienced diplomats in the German foreign service, wrote in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* April 25, that the conditions of Genscher's upcoming visit to Moscow were "more typical of satellite states" than of a Western power.

● **PSYCHIATRIST** Dr. Didier Seux, founder of the French organization to help AIDS patients, AIDE, was murdered by a patient. Dr. Seux, a homosexual, and his assistant, were shot by a patient whom he had treated for two years.

● **DR. JULIUS HACKETHAL**, West Germany's most notorious advocate of the "right to die," called for euthanasia for AIDS patients, in a statement quoted in the newspaper *Bildzeitung* on May 6. He announced that he will perform euthanasia if patients request it.

● **NEW POLLS IN SWEDEN** show that a majority believes the murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme will never be solved. Swedish police have increased the reward for a decisive tip-off to five million kronor, about \$800,000. The reward is tax-free, and may be transferred to a secret Swiss bank account. The informer is also offered a new identity, including plastic surgery.

● **THE BILDERBERG GROUP** of international oligarchs, meeting in Italy at the end of April, discussed plans for an "African Yalta," according to a report published in the journal *Lettre d'Afrique*. Zaire and Zambia would remain in the Western camp; the Cubans would stay in Angola; South Africa would stay in the Western camp, but apartheid would have to go. Western aid to the UNITA rebels in Angola and Soviet aid to the African National Congress would be terminated.