

International Intelligence

London paper attacks Colombia, not traffickers

The London *Observer* newspaper has attacked Colombia as a "savage, lawless place, a country of thieves, racketeers, drug peddlers, and murderers." The April 24 editorial, entitled "Give a Savage State the Pariah Treatment," was based on the just-released report on Colombia by Amnesty International. The report blames every murder and act of violence on the Colombian military, and pooh-poohs the role of the Medellín drug cartel in violence.

The unstated policy behind the article, like the Amnesty International report, is the same as that motivating the savage U.S. attacks on Panama—to destroy Ibero-America's nationalist military institutions, precisely in order to turn their economies over to drug-traffickers on the Hong Kong model.

The *Observer's* intent in this regard is barely disguised. After accusing the Colombian army of running death squads, and the country as a whole of being responsible for the entirety of the South American drug trade, the *Observer* attacks Colombia for not legalizing drugs!

"And successive Colombian governments have done nothing effective about it [drug trafficking]. While there are powerful arguments for legalization of drugs, Colombian governments have never adopted them."

Lutherans want to halt E. German emigration

The Evangelical Church (EKD: Lutheran) of West Germany is collaborating with the church in East Germany to prevent continued migration of East Germans to the West.

The EKD, controlled by some of Central Europe's wealthiest and most powerful families, has barely disguised its pro-Soviet bias throughout the postwar period.

News reports say that the East EKD recently contacted its "Western brothers"

seeking assistance in efforts to reduce the emigration of East Germans into West Germany. The numbers emigrating have grown in the past two or three years to over 900,000 persons, of 17.5 million total population in the East, who want to leave the Soviet satellite.

To increase the "moral pressure" on the EKD in the West, the East EKD argued that if this isn't halted, East Germany would inevitably face catastrophic economic and social problems and then close the borders completely, as in 1961 when the Berlin Wall was built. A new "ice-age in German-German relations" would be the result, it threatened.

The president of the Western EKD presidium, Jürgen Schmude, is a ranking Social Democrat. He expressed sympathy, and is obtaining the assistance of West German President Richard von Weizsäcker, another ranking EKD figure.

'Anti-terror' image of Italian Reds tarnished

An Italian Communist Party (PCI) youth leader's home was searched by police investigating the March assassination of Sen. Roberto Ruffilli. On April 27, a team of policeman thoroughly searched the house of Vanna Villa, the secretary of the Young Communist Federation (FGCI) of Rimini, a city whose government is controlled by the PCI.

The search warrant was "routinely" issued by Roberto Mescolini, the magistrate in charge of the investigation into the assassination of the Christian Democrat, who was a close adviser to Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita.

What makes the search of interest is that this is the first time since the 1960s that a magistrate has dared to take any action that might call into question the "anti-terrorism" image of the PCI.

"A Red Brigades hideout in the house of a FGCI leader? The hypothesis is incredible. . . . It is paradoxical: Villa learned about the search while at Bologna University; she

was participating in a ceremony to commemorate Ruffilli," read the angry editorial in the PCI's newspaper, *L'Unita*.

New youth riots in Berlin Soviet-inspired

Violent riots occurred in the Kreuzberg section of Berlin the evening of May Day, after an "alternate May Day festival" was organized by the East Berlin communist party, the SEW.

The mob of several hundred rioted into the early morning hours of May 2, with arson attacks on shops and private cars, and steel-pellet and Molotov cocktail attacks on select police squads. Some 134 rioters were arrested by police.

The confrontation was very violent, with many injuries on both sides.

Police are now alerted for a replay of the 1987 riots in the city. The Kreuzberg district is dominated by the countercultural riff-raff known in West Germany as *Chaoten*. Through the SEW and other agencies, the Soviet KGB is known to have infiltrated and to manipulate these violence-prone youth as part of the irregular warfare capabilities they have otherwise unleashed across Europe in the form of professional terrorism (see *Report from Bonn*, page 54).

There are indications that rather than a new mass upsurge, rioters this year are planning selected house occupations, along with arson attacks against offices of banks and insurance companies, using as pretext an ongoing left-wing mobilization against the Berlin conference of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in October. Three arson attacks against bank offices in Berlin had caused considerable material damage April 29.

Elsewhere in Germany, the police in the state of Baden-Württemberg recorded a 45% increase in "politically motivated acts of violence" during 1987, according to Minister Dietmar Schlee in an April 28 press statement. This includes "a rise in militancy" on the part of radical groups, attacks and vio-

lence by foreign terrorist groups, as well as an increase in sabotage and disruption of the state's infrastructure, including its railway grid, highways, and electrical power installations.

Schlee predicted another increase in such violence in 1988.

Diplomatic personnel can attend Red parades

The U.S. State Department confirmed on May 2 that the presence of U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union Jack Matlock at Moscow's May Day parade was the result of a change of U.S. policy, in light of the Soviet commitment to withdraw from Afghanistan.

However, a State Department spokesman noted that the policy applied only to "non-military events," and involved only non-military personnel, "to be determined locally by the chiefs of mission."

U.S. military personnel will continue to boycott all Soviet events of any kind in protest over the 1985 murder of Major Nicholson by Soviet troops in East Germany.

More voices raised over Demjanjuk travesty

The British *Daily Telegraph*, as well as that nation's most prominent jurist, have attacked the state of Israel for its conviction of a clearly innocent retired Cleveland autoworker, John Demjanjuk, sentencing him to death as "Ivan the Terrible," a guard at the Treblinka concentration camp during World War II.

The conviction occurred solely on the basis of Soviet-supplied evidence against the Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk, after the U.S. Justice Department had stripped him of his citizenship and extradited him to Israel, without due process, at Soviet request!

Britain's leading jurist, Lord Denning, called the Demjanjuk trial's conduct "con-

trary to international law," in a letter published in the *Daily Telegraph* April 28. He said that Israel had no jurisdiction in the case, as the country was founded *after* the crimes alleged had been committed.

Two days earlier, the newspaper itself had editorialized against the trial as a miscarriage of justice.

One week earlier, Count Leo Tolstoy, a Russian emigré, had attacked Demjanjuk's conviction as "a travesty of justice," in another letter to the editor. Tolstoy, who had testified on KGB forgeries in Demjanjuk's defense, had witnessed much of the proceedings firsthand.

Israel-Soviet deal on Jewish emigration

As *EIR* has long predicted, the outcome of negotiations for increased emigration of Soviet Jews, featuring Edgar Bronfman and others, is not to be their free emigration in fact, but in effect, their forced deportation to Israel—where most do not wish to go.

According to a report in the *Jerusalem Post*, an unofficial deal has been reached between Moscow and Jerusalem to ship Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel. Under previous arrangements, Jews permitted to leave the Soviet Union could obtain exit visas through the Dutch embassy in Moscow, permitting them to travel to Vienna. From there, the vast majority would not go to Israel, but to the United States.

These arrangements are being cancelled. Now, Soviet Jews will be given exit visas forcing them to travel to Bucharest, where they will only be able to obtain entry visas to Israel, not the United States or any other nation.

Inside Israel, the report has already prompted a denunciation by the Council to Monitor Soviet Jewry, which called the arrangement "immoral." Inside the Soviet Union, too, sources are quoted by some news reports saying that many Jews will not leave the Soviet Union at all, rather than go to Israel.

Briefly

● **THE PENTAGON** has decided against deploying U.S. Coast Guard vessels to the Persian Gulf "at this time," a spokesman announced April 29. "It has been decided that the current strength and force mix of our task force in the Gulf is sufficient to protect U.S. interests in the region and to defend against threats to the rights of U.S.-flagged ships in distress requesting assistance in international waters of the Gulf."

● **'NATO after the INF treaty'** will be the theme of an international conference in Sussex, England, in mid-May. Co-sponsored by Wilton Park and the Carnegie Council, the conference is expected to draw 50 European and U.S. policymakers, plus assorted journalists and scholars, to discuss such topics as "alternative futures for NATO."

● **THE SOCIALIST** government of Madrid Province plans to set up a haven for the youth counterculture modeled on Copenhagen's notorious "Christiania" enclave. The head of the Youth Employment Program of Madrid municipality plans to turn over an old covered market to a huge squatters collective, which he says, has "good ideas." Christiania has provided safehousing for everything from Soviet agents to wanted criminals.

● **SOUTH KOREA'S** Kim Dae Jung, leader of the Party for Peace and Democracy (PPD), has put his party forward to undertake a similar role to that of the Japanese opposition parties, which had helped normalize Tokyo's relations with Moscow and Beijing.

● **ONE IRAQI** and one Iranian have been arrested in Manila on information provided by the Israeli Mossad. They were charged with plotting sabotage action against U.S. military bases. At the same time, Israeli intelligence is reported to be reorganizing Philippines President Corazon Aquino's personal security.