

various world leaders, among them Nkrumah, Sukarno, and Mehmet Shehu of Albania.

"It was, in fact, the CIA's hastily improvised arrangement of the stars which persuaded Nkrumah to accept an invitation to visit China so that he would be out of the way when it came time for General 'Uncle Dan' Ankrah to take over the Ghanaian government, and many of Sukarno's decisions which played into our hands were based on computations of a computer we gave to him which pinpointed the *present* cosmic locations of various stars. He had previously been relying on the calculations of native astrologers who based their findings on where stars had been billions of light years earlier.

"The 'Cosmic Operations Section,' which I headed in the last year of its existence, was discontinued by Mr. Allen Dulles, when he learned that we were bootlegging charts to certain members of our own White House Staff. He was unmoved by our argument that the charts, concocted as they were to deal with issues as we understood them, made more sense than the stuff the White House was getting through regular channels."

Golden Temple takeover accomplishes little

"Operation Flush-Out" against the leading Sikh shrine in India, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Punjab, which led to the quiet surrender of Sikh terrorists to Indian security forces, brought little joy there. After the government action, authorities in New Delhi became defensive, senior officials flying to Amritsar to attempt to smooth the ruffled feathers of Sikh religious leaders.

Most Sikh terrorists had, in fact, left the temple before the security operation began. The amount of arms seized following the surrender was minimal. Thus, the majority of arms are with the majority of terrorists who are on the loose all over Punjab. They are virtually rulers of most of the countryside.

Radical Sikhs have been demanding the creation of a separate Sikh state of "Khalistan." The death toll from their terrorism in

Punjab, India's breadbasket, has been terrible.

On May 19, thirty-five people, including seven terrorists, were killed. On May 20, terrorists struck a migrant labor colony along the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal construction site, and indiscriminately gunned down 40 migrant laborers. A day later, on May 21, thousands of migrant laborers left Punjab, heading home to Orissa and abandoning the construction work. The same day, 45 persons were killed in Punjab and neighboring Himachal Pradesh.

Gallup poll highlights AIDS threat

La Presse, Montreal's leading French-language newspaper, ran a front-page exclusive May 22 on a Gallup poll released at a Toronto press conference that weekend, which shows that panic about the AIDS crisis is spreading rapidly throughout the world's population, and that support for mandatory testing has risen dramatically.

Headlined "AIDS: Canadians Fear an Epidemic," the article reports on a poll taken in 35 countries during the August 1987-February 1988 period.

Among the more significant findings:

- The overwhelming majority of those polled favor mandatory testing for everyone. In Colombia, 86%; in the U.S.A., 47%; Canada, 60%; Brazil, 83%; Argentina, 64%; Great Britain, 48%; France, 74%; West Germany, 48%; Belgium, 68%; Sweden, 61%; the Philippines, 79%; and Nigeria, 85%.

- 51% of Americans polled believe it probable that AIDS will become epidemic in the general population. That view is shared by 47% of the Canadians queried, 69% of the Colombians, 67% of Brazilians, and 34% in Great Britain.

- 30% of those questioned in the U.S.A. said they thought insect transmission is possible.

Asked how much they feared contracting AIDS, 20% of Americans polled said they were "very worried," with 37% of Brazilians, 40% of Nigerians, 18% of South African whites, and 46% of South African blacks, agreeing.

Briefly

- **SWEDISH WATERS** are being repeatedly violated by Soviet submarines, and this is "probably undermining the credibility of our neutral status," said Swedish Undersecretary of Defense Per Borg in an interview with the Madrid daily *El Pais*. Another officer told the paper, "We do not think that there is equal danger from East and West. . . . In our thinking, the main threat comes from Russia."

- **FOUR OFFICIALS** of the Bulgarian embassy in Stockholm and of Kintex, the Bulgarian "export-import" company, have been formally expelled by the Swedish government, and the managing director of Nobel-Bofors, the armaments manufacturer implicated in sales to Iran, has been "fired" along with other directors. Kintex has been widely accused by Western intelligence channels of arms and drug smuggling on behalf of the Soviet KGB.

- A **'WHITE WITCH'** named Maritxu seems to control politics in Spain's troubled Basque region. According to Madrid newspaper reports, among her clients are the ex-president of the Basque government, the head of the Socialist Party there, the head of the Franquists, the Duchess of Alba, the President of the Navarrese government, the president of the separatist Euskadiko Ezkerra, and banker Joaquim Garrigues-Walker.

- **PROTESTS** by dozens of Mexican groups and the Catholic Church have forced the Health Ministry to cancel a series of explicit television ads about AIDS, featuring condoms, male and female genitalia, and actors and actresses discussing sex. The ad campaign received a fatal blow when the flagship ad "aborted." Actress Lucía Méndez, whose ad stated, "When I don't know my lover, I always use condoms," confessed that she is pregnant.

- **FOUR OF FIVE** of the world's largest cocaine traffickers are operating out of Spain now, a Drug Enforcement Administration official told Spanish press.