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Japanese minister to visit Jerusalem

Japanese Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno planned to stop in Jerusalem at the end of a trip that would also take him to three Arab countries the last week of June. It was to be the first journey to Israel by a Japanese cabinet minister.

Mr. Uno also planned stops in Syria, Jordan, and Egypt, and to meet with Yasser Arafat.

Senior Japanese officials, who played down the significance of the visit, apparently to avoid offending Arab countries, nevertheless admitted that in their view, it is time for Japan to become more active politically in the Middle East.

According to Takashi Onda, director general of the Foreign Ministry's Middle Eastern and African affairs bureau, Uno would not be coming with any new proposals, but would repeat Japan's basic position that Israel withdraw from the occupied territories, that a Palestinian state be created, and that Arab countries recognize Israel's right to exist.

Yaacov Cohen, the Israeli ambassador in Tokyo, said, "We see this as a positive signal to the business community and to others in Japan to have more dealings with Israel."

Bomb prosecutor's home in Peru

Incendiary bombs were thrown into the bedroom of the woman who is charged with prosecuting the recently captured Osmán Morote, the number-two man in Peru's Shining Path terrorists.

Prosecutor Dora Altamirano said that shortly after midnight June 17, two terrorists entered her bedroom and threw the bombs. She said the bombs, which only caused minor material damage, were intended as a warning. She protested that there was only one guard at her home at the time of the incident.

On June 15, Lima prosecutor Daniel Caballero ordered his subordinates to scrupu-

lously protect Morote's constitutional rights. Peru's leftist political leader, Alfonso Barrantes, said July 16, "Now Morote is adhering to bourgeois law and saying, 'I remain silent, send me to trial,' " while he and his people "simply liquidate anybody who falls into their hands without letting them have a lawyer or letting them refuse to speak."

On June 19, the Shining Path terrorists conducted dynamite attacks against targets in Lima and surrounding towns. Explosions rocked police stations and government offices. It was the second anniversary of a prison uprising by captured terrorists, in which army intervention left over 400 prisoners dead.

Sikh violence continues to grow

Three people were killed and nearly 30 wounded by a bomb thrown from a car in the New Delhi suburb of Tilak Naga on June 20, BBC reported. A day earlier, 17 persons were killed and at least 25 seriously injured in the town of Kurukshetra in northern Haryana, India, when a bomb concealed in a bag by Sikh extremists went off in a crowd gathered to watch a television show in the marketplace. The bomb was apparently detonated by remote control.

The crowd was watching a television version of the Hindu epic, *Ramayana*. Kurukshetra is a holy town to Hindus.

Another seven people were reported killed in other incidents in the Sikh-dominated Punjab the same day.

The total killed in Punjab by Sikh extremists so far this year is 1,320. Last year, 1,030 people died.

Russian Church's rise bodes ill for Jews

Soviet Jewish emigré Ida Nudel warned of the "fakery" of Gorbachov's reforms, of growing anti-Semitism in the U.S.S.R., and of the dangers of Edgar Bronfman's deal-making with the Kremlin to permit Jewish emigration, in an interview with Britain's *Independent* daily June 20.

On Gorbachov, she said, "He is the best cosmetician in the world, he deserves a special prize for that. I'm frightened. In my opinion, the Soviet Union is a boiling pot with all the problems of society coming to the surface. The Armenians, the Azerbaijanis, these Tatar people, Balts, all of them are boiling now."

Describing herself as "a product of anti-Semitism," she claimed that "the most disturbing" phenomenon was that anti-Semitism was now open in the U.S.S.R., especially as Jews are increasingly being blamed for the crisis in the Soviet economy.

While noting that the rise of the ultra-chauvinistic Pamyat movement might encourage more Jews to emigrate from the U.S.S.R., she bitterly attacked attempts by Israel and World Jewish Congress leader Edgar Bronfman to force Soviet Jewish emigrants to go to Israel via Romania. "I'm not happy with forcing Soviet people to go to Israel. Israel is a country you need to choose personally, and not every Jew loves Israel. It would be more just to give them the choice."

Soviets threaten to 'alter' Afghan pull-out

Radio Moscow on June 20 gave more hints that the Soviet Union may not be pulling out of Afghanistan after all, when it repeated a warning that the U.S.S.R. might "alter the program" for the withdrawal of troops from the invaded country, if Pakistan and the United States continued aiding the resistance fighters. Such a warning was issued by Tass on May 28. Radio Moscow denounced the United States for "encouraging Pakistan to violate the Geneva accords," governing the withdrawal.

According to Western intelligence sources as well as Yugoslav news reports, the Soviets to date have withdrawn far fewer forces than the Geneva timetable called for.

On June 18, Radio Volga, the Soviet military station, as well as Radio Moscow attacked Pakistan for "failing to adhere to the Geneva agreement" on Afghanistan. Citing Lt. Gen. Boris Gromov, the Soviet commander in Afghanistan, Radio Volga

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said that since May, "clashes increased twofold" because Pakistan continued to aid and train "terrorists." Radio Volga also emphasized strongly what it called "the acute political struggle" going on inside Pakistan, between those "who want a settlement" and those "who want fighting to continue in Afghanistan."

Meanwhile, the Soviet commander has admitted that "special forces" were sent to Afghanistan's border regions and engaged in fighting. Lt. General Gromov, in an interview with Radio Volga, said that on the eve of the Soviet troop withdrawal, "special forces" were deployed "to talk to the people" along the withdrawal routes, where "they clashed with a group of rebel bandits."

Otherwise, he said, "the Soviet troop withdrawal is proceeding according to schedule." Gromov was referred to in *Pravda* May 13 as commander of the "limited contingent" of Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

Basque terrorists get U.S. secret gov't bucks

The National Endowment for Democracy in the United States, the public arm of the "Project Democracy" networks made famous by Oliver North's Iran-Contra shenanigans, includes in its latest budget "\$130,000 for the Basque pro-separatist trade union, ELA-STV," according to a report appearing in the Madrid daily *ABC*.

"The time has come for people to realize, that the National Endowment for Democracy has no business interfering in democratic nations," writes José Maria Carrascal, the daily's New York correspondent.

According to Carrascal, "The total sum for ELA-STV may turn out to be closer to a million dollars since 1983. The Endowment supports extremist opposition groups in countries which already are democratic, which means . . . that it is actually intervening against democracy itself. For example, last year, it was revealed that the extreme-right French group, Union Nationale Inter-universitaire, got \$575,000 from the Endowment. . . ."

"ELA-STV is now the largest trade union in the Basque Provinces. These funds were

approved by the Endowment's Board, where there sit people as well known as Henry Kissinger and Lane Kirkland."

EIR's Special Report, *Project Democracy, the Secret Government Behind the Iran-Contra Affair*, exposed the State Department-funded private entity for connections to Soviet-linked terrorism and drug-running.

North Koreans to blow up Olympics?

A Japanese specialist on Korea, Katsumi Sato, wrote in the magazine *Bungei Shunju* in mid-June that it is highly likely North Korea will try to thwart the summer Olympics in Seoul, and that the country may go as far as starting a large-scale shooting incident in the demilitarized zone (DMZ), or even "triggering a war." It is "the only option North Korea now has," he suggests.

The Pyongyang regime is claiming that the Olympics are "an intrigue of South Korea and the United States to perpetuate the division of the Korean peninsula," he noted, and has demanded that the Soviet Union, China, and other East bloc countries boycott the games, which they have refused to do.

The author suggests that North Korea's Kim Il Sung and his son, "who make policies based on information quite apart from reality," may also consider destroying nuclear power plants to create a Chernobyl type of emergency.

Meanwhile, the Japanese government is voicing concern about North Korea's recent deployment of surface-to-air missiles and jet fighters near its borders with South Korea, and its increased military ties with Moscow. A Japanese Defense Ministry official noted in an interview with Bangkok's *The Nation* June 18, that the Soviet-made SA-5 missiles, "with their range of 300 kilometers, can hit aircraft at Kimpo Airport," Seoul's commercial field, which also serves as a military base.

He noted that on two occasions in recent months, Soviet warplanes have violated Japanese airspace and then landed in North Korea. "There has been no reduction in Soviet military activity in the Far East since Gorbachov came to power," he stressed.

● **KAMPUCHEA'S** partition could result from a "diplomatic" solution that may be put together in Indonesia in July, said Sino-Soviet expert Gerald Segal on BBC June 21. The Khmer Rouge, the most powerful guerrilla force with many senior and middle-level commanders, but still "with blood on their hands" from the Pol Pot regime, could take control of the region west of the Mekong River, while Vietnamese-backed forces hold the territory east of the Mekong.

● **WEST GERMAN** Defense Minister Rupert Scholz met with Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci for more than an hour in Washington on June 20, the first of the new minister's two days of meetings with U.S. officials. Scholz is much more suspicious of Russian intentions than are Reagan's horoscope casters.

● **ISRAELI** officials are already looking toward parliamentary elections not scheduled before October. During their recent visits to the United States, both Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres spent their time in private-dinner fundraising. Peres reportedly raised up to \$2 million in one week of meetings.

● **THE CHINESE** are reported to be negotiating to deliver to Syria its new M-9 600-km middle-range ground-to-ground missiles, now under development. Most likely being built with Israeli technology, the M-9 is much more accurate than the CSS-2 delivered to the Saudis a few months ago. The news made headlines inside Israel.

● **EXPLODING** television sets, says the Soviet journal *Ogonyok* cited in June 18 *Wall Street Journal*, caused 18,000 fires, \$25 million in damage, 512 serious injuries, and 927 deaths in the Soviet Union from 1980 to 1986.