

# International Intelligence

## ***CIA-Israeli role in arms smuggling is covered up***

A commission of inquiry set up by the Caribbean nation of Antigua and Barbuda, to investigate how a shipment of Israeli weapons purchased in 1989 for an anti-Noriega force organized by the CIA ended up at the Colombian farm of the late Medellín cocaine cartel kingpin Gonzalo Rodríguez Gacha, has concluded that the entire operation was the work of four Antiguan, in conspiracy with Colombian drug traffickers and "rogue" elements of Israeli intelligence.

This, despite overwhelming evidence that the operation was planned, coordinated, and carried out jointly by the CIA and its Israeli counterpart, the Mossad.

The contents of the report, which the Antigua government is now studying to determine if it will be officially released, were leaked Nov. 10 to *The Workers' Voice* of Antigua and to the Caribbean News Agency (CANA). Among the four accused Antiguan are the son of Prime Minister Vere Bird, Sr. and the commander of the Antigua Defense Forces, Clyde Walker.

According to information obtained by *EIR*, the weapons were originally obtained through the services, among others, of Israeli agents Gen. Pinchas Shachar and Col. Yair Klein, to supply an anti-Noriega "Contra" force headed by Panamanian Col. Eduardo Herrera Hassan, who went on to become Panama's defense chief after Noriega's fall. Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams provided \$1 million for the operation from Panamanian funds confiscated by the U.S. government as part of its economic warfare measures against the Noriega government. The anti-Noriega force was to have been trained on Antigua soil by Klein, a paramilitary trainer of Colombia's cocaine traffickers, but that arrangement was nixed by the Antigua government.

During the Antigua hearings, headed by British Queen's Counsel Louis Blom-Cooper and his partner Geoffrey Robertson, *EIR* was denounced for publishing an investigative report on the role of the CIA in

the arms transaction. (See *EIR*, June 29, 1990, "Does the U.S. run guns to the drug cartel?")

## ***Scottish churches reject Gulf war***

All the churches of Scotland on Nov. 8 issued an Open Letter to the British Foreign Office calling for a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis, and rejecting any unilateral military action. This is the first such statement from any European country.

"If the present efforts by the international community are not actively addressing the key issues in the Middle East, war will remove still further any possibility of resolving them," the letter said.

"War cannot solve the essential dilemmas at the heart of the invasion and occupation of Kuwait. Rather, it will create untold misery to countless numbers of people in the region through injury, loss of life, and total disruption to communities. More than that, it will shatter fragile economies and totally disrupt political development among the nation states of the region. War will not create the foundation for future peace and security in the region—it will simply be an obstacle to the pressing need to tackle these urgent issues now. . . .

"We are concerned at the possibility that Her Majesty's Government and the United States Government may be prepared to consider unilateral military action outside this consensus. We express our complete opposition to such unilateral military action, especially in view of the danger of possible escalation, the use of chemical or nuclear weapons, and the inevitable suffering of non-combatants."

## ***New terrorist threat arises in Germany***

A paramilitary insurrection of Berlin's political underground left close to 150 policemen injured Nov. 12-14, in street battles over 130 buildings that have been occupied by

squatters in eastern Berlin.

In the Friedrichshain district, a mob of about 800 built street barricades and started a battle with 1,400 policemen, using stones thrown from rooftops, steel bars, flares, and burning tires.

City authorities decided on Nov. 13 to reinforce the Berlin anti-riot police with two battalions of federal police, and to deploy 1,500 men with heavy vehicles to clear several dozen buildings in Friedrichshain.

The daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* reported Nov. 15 that the security services see this insurrection as presaging the rise of a new eastern German terrorism. The terrorist milieu, which has been under relatively heavy surveillance by the police and the anti-terrorism authorities in western Germany, is meeting far more favorable conditions in eastern Germany, where an anti-terrorism apparatus does not yet exist. Those who want to take revenge for the defeat of socialism are certain to act out their hatred against the West German model which has become the model for the united German state now, according to the newspaper.

The political underground has apparently been able to draw upon munitions and arms arsenals of the former East German state's armed units.

## ***Soviet influentials see civil war looming***

Twenty-two Soviet influentials wrote an open letter to President Gorbachov, published in *Moscow News* on Nov. 14, urging him to take "firm and urgent measures" to "avert civil war." They called on him to use his emergency powers to prevent an economic and political collapse, noting that those powers could either be used as "an instrument for a dictatorship or to defend democratic perestroika." They advised Gorbachov to either "decide to act or resign."

Among the signers was Oleg Bogomolov, director of the IMEMO economic and foreign policy think tank.

On the same day, deputies to the Su-

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● **THE WARSAW PACT** will be dissolved, announced Soviet Defense Minister D.T. Yazov in Rome on Nov. 18. "The Warsaw Pact will not exist any longer," he said, calling for the creation of a wider "architecture of European security."

● **A TREATY** finalizing the border between Germany and Poland was signed in Warsaw by the foreign ministers of the two countries on Nov. 14. The treaty establishes the current border, which runs along the rivers Oder and Neisse as permanent. Both governments have stated their commitment to use the treaty as a starting point for improving relations between Germans and Poles, on the model of Franco-German friendship.

● **JORDAN'S** King Hussein charged that the West has adopted a course of strangling the entire Middle East region, in a TV address on Nov. 17. He criticized the military confrontation against Iraq, and charged the West with playing a duplicitous role at the U.N., as exemplified by the different approaches taken on the issues of Iraq and of Palestinian rights.

● **ISRAELI** Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir hinted at a new wave of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, with a declaration Nov. 18 that Israel should be prepared for the "mass immigration of Jews to Israel," by ensuring that the area "from the sea to the River Jordan must be kept for future generations, and for a mass return of the Jewish people to Israel."

● **KUWAITI** elites abuse Indian children, reported Alain Peyrefitte from New Delhi in *Le Figaro Magazine* of Nov. 10. "Indian children of 7-8 years of age were bought from their parents in the streets of Bombay and then tied on the backs of horses for races, so that their shouts and painful cries would excite the horses, and make them gallop faster."

preme Soviet were making dire warnings about the economic and social crisis. A deputy from the Moscow region, Valentina Gudilina, told deputies: "I've been to my constituency and there will be a famine there soon, comrades, a real famine." A deputy from the Urals exclaimed that with rations of one-half kilogram of meat and flour per month already in effect, "my region is already at famine conditions. What more do you want to discuss? Our people will not tolerate us, or others, for long." Lt. Col. Viktor Aksnis, from Latvia, said, "If we fail to take some sort of measures, people will go into the streets to defend their children. People will take up arms."

Gorbachov replied to such warnings in a major address Nov. 16. He denounced panic-mongering and denied that the country was approaching "catastrophe, famine, and hunger." While stressing that he "shared the alarm and concern of the population at the critical situation in the economy," Gorbachov said that the Soviet population would "see changes for the better, by the middle of 1991."

### **Soviet crisis makes Gulf war more risky**

Because of the extreme internal crisis in the Soviet Union, now is the worst possible time to be thinking of a major confrontation in the Gulf, advised the London *Guardian* newspaper on Nov. 15.

The paper reported recent dire warnings made by Mikhail Gorbachov himself and by Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, and noted reports from Washington of "a wide-ranging intelligence review to begin to examine the consequences for the U.S. of a break-up of the Soviet Union." It has even gotten to the point that Pentagon officials speak of the wisdom of learning the telephone numbers of "Soviet missile commanders in Siberia."

The West "could make things much worse by heightening tension elsewhere. It is not only in the Middle East where our expectations could go off the map," the paper concluded.

### **Population control denounced in Venezuela**

Alberto Vollmer, a Venezuelan business leader, warns that there is a concerted effort on the part of a group of international agencies to bring about population reduction in the developing sector, in an interview published in the Nov. 12 issue of the daily *El Universal*.

Vollmer has been extremely critical of U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf, and is also an outspoken opponent of the Venezuelan government's moves to open the banking system to the drug traffickers.

Interviewed along with his wife, Cristina de Vollmer, who heads up the organization Pro-Vida (Pro-Life), Vollmer identifies agencies such as the U.S. State Department's Agency for International Development, the International Monetary Fund/World Bank, several U.S. foundations, and the United Nations, which are working to achieve population control in the Third World "by whatever means necessary."

Mrs. Vollmer brands this "a Hitlerian practice which shouldn't be permitted in our country."

### **Iraq invites nuclear inspectors**

The International Atomic Energy Agency disclosed on Nov. 15 that the government of Iraq has invited a team of inspectors to verify that it has not been using its small stock of uranium to produce nuclear weapons. Iraq had obtained the uranium from France in 1976 to operate its Osirak nuclear reactor.

The Iraqi government has pointed out that the only Mideastern country that has nuclear weapons is not itself, but Israel. Unlike Israel, Iraq is a signatory of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Accusations that Iraq is developing a nuclear bomb have been central to Anglo-American-Israeli propaganda against that state. Iraq has always denied any effort to build a nuclear bomb, stating that its chemical-weapon bomb is an adequate deterrent.