

# International Intelligence

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## ***Sadat calls for Palestine government-in-exile***

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat this week renewed his call for the Palestinians to form a government-in-exile. Sadat made the call days after a tour of Europe and consultations with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

Sadat stressed that the government-in-exile need not be headed by the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, nor necessarily even be dominated by the PLO. He noted that both Syria and the Soviet Union had gained too much control over the PLO. "I have no right to exclude or include Arafat. This is the right of the Palestinians. But Arafat is a compromise leader, not a leader to decide and take the cause of the Palestinians in his hands." Sadat pledged to use his influence to "relieve the Palestinians from the pressures from Damascus, [Syria] and the Soviet Union."

During Sadat's address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France last week, he called upon that body to use its influence to achieve mutual recognition of Israel and the Palestinians.

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## ***Deployment force sparks Gulf radicalism***

On the eve of the first military exercises between the tiny Sultanate of Oman and the American Rapid Deployment Force (RDF), Oman's neighbor South Yemen has reacted with a threat to launch a wave of terror against Oman.

Ali Nasser Mohammed, the president of the Marxist regime in South Yemen, warned last week that he would restart the guerrilla rebellion in the Dhofar province of Oman if Oman went ahead with the exercises.

According to the Washington oil analyst Melvin Conant, the drive by Secretary of State Alexander Haig to force U.S. military presence into the Mideast

will trigger a wave of anti-American extremism.

These RDF exercises are the first with a nation on the Arabian peninsula bordering Saudi Arabia.

A number of radical Arab groups with ties to British intelligence and the Soviet KGB have recently echoed the warnings of South Yemen, in what Mideast analysts see as a dangerous escalation that could threaten the flow of oil exports.

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## ***Japan blasts Soviets, Haig pleased***

The Japanese government of Zenko Suzuki has launched a series of television commercials attacking the Soviet Union over the "Northern Territories" dispute between the two countries, while complaining of insufficient popular enthusiasm for their anti-Soviet campaign.

The government has also blocked attempts to resume cooperation with the U.S.S.R. on Siberian energy development, despite earlier promises to do so. The development project was stalled when Japan yielded to U.S. pressure for an embargo against Russia following the Afghanistan invasion.

Japan is currently the only industrialized nation that is coordinating its anti-Soviet campaign with the U.S. State Department's "all terrorism comes from Russia" operation.

The Japanese foreign ministry leaked to the press that their Soviet policy is currently in direct coordination with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, and expressed "full support for Reagan's tough policy" and "its 'security-first' Asian policy."

State Department sources indicated their pleasure to *EIR* with Japan's new turn. "Business pressures to resume trade with the U.S.S.R. will not affect the government position. Japan is going along with the U.S., not Europe, on this question," said a source.

Soviet response was harsh and swift. General Kiriyon told Japan's Kyodo

wires, in an unprecedented statement that "If Japan tries to settle the issue by force, we have to respond. It would naturally lead to war, which would be unnecessary and dangerous for Japan."

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## ***Iraq starts new offensive against Iran***

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein declared last week that his country will escalate its war against the outlaw regime of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini. Following a visit to the front lines in western Iran, Hussein revealed that fresh Iraqi troops are presently being deployed to the war zone.

Sources report that the Soviet Union has begun resupplying Iraq with arms for its heightened offensive, dispelling rumors that Soviet arms shipments had stopped. In this light, Hussein this week stated, "we now have more tanks, planes, and guns than we had at the start of the war."

Hussein warned Iran that Iraqi forces are prepared to overrun more Iranian cities in the western provinces to force Khomeini to "kneel and plead for peace."

Concomitant with reports of new Soviet arms shipments the Soviet daily *Izvestia* this week broke the Soviet Union's silence on the Gulf war and, for the first time, leveled harsh criticism of Khomeini. *Izvestia* attacked the ayatollah's poor economic management of Iran and his ongoing repression of minorities.

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## ***French nuke enrichment unveiled in Mexico***

Bernard Jampins, representing the French Atomic Energy Commission to the Third Nuclear Conference of the Pacific Rim Countries which took place in Acapulco, Mexico last week, announced that France is in the process of developing a new chemical enrichment process

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● **FRENCH MINERS**, led by the Communist-linked CGT union have threatened to strike over a plan by the nationalized coal industry for shutdowns. In Germany, the UAW-linked metalworkers are threatening strikes over wage demands.

● **SPANISH** police officers have resigned en masse in the Basque region over an affair involving torture of an imprisoned member of the Basque autonomist organization ETA. In addition to the resignation of some 200 policemen, five department chiefs dealing directly with security also resigned.

● **LE FIGARO** columnist Paul Marie de la Gorce denounced Eurosocialist Anthony Wedgwood Benn as a disciple of Nazi Finance Minister Hjalmar Schacht, Feb. 12. Benn may pose as a peacenik, but, said the French journalist, "what is the economic logic proposed by Wedgwood Benn?" He concluded, "This policy was [the same] in the old days of Dr. Schacht in Germany after 1933."

● **PRINCE SIHANOUK**, former ruler of Cambodia, has been persuaded by his Chinese masters to join the "united front" of the ousted Pol Pot regime. The "clown Prince" has expediently forgiven the murder of some of his own children in Pol Pot's death camps.

● **ROME POLICE** arrested two prominent lawyers and a left-wing newspaper editor on charges of propagandizing for the Red Brigades terrorist organization on Feb. 13. Warrants have been issued for other suspects, but the names have been withheld until the arrests are carried out.

● **ORTIZ MENDOZA**, spokesman for Mexico's Popular Socialist Party, angrily denied rumors of an alliance between his group and the Mexican Communist Party. They are, he said "penetrated by Trotskyism and homosexuality."

for uranium that will make any future embargo on enriched uranium impossible. "If someday a country suffers an embargo on enriched uranium, it can calmly go to 'the store next door' and strike another enrichment deal," Jampins told the participants. He added that, with French technology, a nuclear plant can be built in only six years.

The French government is ready and willing to transfer nuclear technology to Mexico "without blackmail of any kind," Jampins repeated several times.

Jampins stressed the importance of nuclear energy not only for France and Mexico, but also as the solution to the energy crisis in the "poorer countries" of the Third World. Nuclear energy is already an immediate necessity and will be even more urgent in the near future, he said. "There are many poor countries which are going to need energy to survive."

### **Brazilian radical meets Poland's Lech Walesa**

Luis Ignacio da Silva, known as "Lula," a leader of Brazil's metalworkers' union, recently met with the head of Poland's dissident Solidarność, Lech Walesa, as part of a move to export economic disruption to Brazil. The meeting was part of a tour Lula undertook, during which he conferred with Social Democrats and Jesuit-linked labor leaders from nine European nations and the United States.

After a two-hour meeting, Lula and Walesa agreed on the similarity of their situations, and to coordinate activities. In Italy, Lula met with Pope John Paul II, who encouraged him to "follow the path of the Polish workers."

The background of Brazil's impending labor "solidarism" also parallels Poland's. Brazil has embarked on an ambitious industrial development plan with Western Europe and Arab nations. During a trip last month to France, Brazil's President Figueredo signed economic deals for approximately \$1.5 billion.

São Paulo's prestigious daily *O Esta-*

*do São Paulo* commented that Brazil's relations with France are a model for North-South cooperation.

In the United States, Lula met with labor leaders from the UAW, the machinists, and the National Association of Social Workers—all linked to the Socialist International's recent "Eurosocialism and America" conference call for "social convulsions'."

### **Indira Gandhi holds rally of two million farmers**

In one of the largest mass rallies ever held in the world, over 2 million farmers converged on New Delhi Feb. 16 to hear Prime Minister Gandhi rebuff Socialist International-linked oppositionists' attempted incitements against her government.

In her 40 minute speech, Mrs. Gandhi stressed that "economic development should be balanced, with all sectors of society marching forward," as she pointed out the important role of industry in upgrading and improving agriculture. "For example," she stated, "farmers need mechanized implements, clothes, and fertilizer to increase agricultural production and their standard of living."

Responding to charges that the administration has placed more emphasis on industry and not enough on agriculture, the Indian Prime Minister told the huge audience, "how is it then that our agricultural production has increased three times, and we have become totally self-reliant in food grain production in such a short time? Nowhere in the world has any country, whatever its ideology, succeeded in achieving what India has achieved."

The rally, held by Gandhi's Congress Party (I), required special trains and buses to bring the vast number of people to the India Gate lawn where it was held. Farmers from nearly every state in India came, pressing into service any transportation they could, even ox-drawn carts. The lawn, entirely covered with rally participants, is a mile long.