

International Intelligence

French radio found guilty of libel

French national radio was found guilty of libeling a French political party in a judgment handed down Oct. 15. The first civil court of Paris ruled against French Radio Europe 1, one of the three main national radio channels in France, in a libel suit filed by the Parti Ouvrier Européen (POE), French co-thinkers of Lyndon H. LaRouche.

Europe 1 was sentenced to pay 10,000 francs to the POE for having, in the court's terms, "outrageously" described this organization, at a peak listening hour, as "a sect led by hallucinated people and loonies." An additional 3,000 francs have been awarded to the POE to pay legal fees.

The slander was aired during a Soviet-inspired international media campaign last March, aimed at implicating the LaRouche movement in Europe in the murder of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme. In France, the POE filed a series of libel suits against French media which had echoed the KGB "montage."

While judgments are pending in most of these cases, in July, the same court sentenced the French Socialist daily *Le Matin de Paris*, to pay the same amount of damages for having slandered the POE as "a sect led by mentally sick people."

Soviet attack Old Testament, Judaism

The Soviet government publication *Nauka i Religiya (Science and Religion)* on Oct. 25 attacks the Old Testament, depicting the Israelites as a war-mongering nation, the self-styled "Chosen People" of a "bloodthirsty God."

Dr. I. Kryvelev, after misquoting the Old Testament to prove that the Israelites settled in the Promised Land by violent means, proceeds to attack Judaism. The conditions for Isaiah's "peace" ("... and they shall beat their swords into plow-

hares," Isaiah 2:4), writes Kryvelev, is Israel's world supremacy: "But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them in the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them."

Kryvelev concludes by saying that the Old Testament (and by implication, Judaism) "calls us neither to disarmament, nor to peace."

U.S. ambassador threatens Panama

U.S. Ambassador to Panama Arthur Davis threatened a U.S. cut-off of economic aid, unless Panama's Defense Forces stay out of politics, in a speech Oct. 23 before American Chamber of Commerce in Panama.

Davis stressed four times that the United States considers an "apolitical military" as its major objective in Panama, and warned that "the U.S. attitude" and "degree of support" will depend on the military staying out of politics. His statements are read as a threat to Gen. Manuel Noriega, who earlier on Oct. 23, had supported a demand by civilian nationalists that the cabinet resign, and International Monetary Fund programs be rolled back.

Sensational AIDS debate in England

In a banner headline story accompanied by pictures of deceased AIDS-victims Lord Avon, Anthony Eden's son, and Prince Charles' valet, the *Sunday Express* of London on Oct. 26 opened a sensational debate in England on the origin of the AIDS virus. Three scientists are quoted: an East German, a Briton, and an American. In the charges and counter-charges, a hypothesis is discussed that the AIDS virus could have been produced in the laboratory in the late 1960s or early 1970s, either accidentally or by design, through a combination of two animal

retroviruses, recombined and adapted to human cells—the slow-acting maedi-visna virus in sheep and the bovine leukemia virus of cows. If so, the question would be, where?

The *Sunday Express* article reports on charges from a 70-year-old East Berlin microbiologist, Professor Segal, who repeats the standard Warsaw Pact line that the AIDS virus was manufactured by the CIA in a military laboratory at Fort Detrick, Maryland. Dr. John Seale of England, who has distanced himself from the wild Fort Detrick story of Segal, is quoted as issuing an open challenge to the biomedical community of Britain to debate the question of whether or not AIDS was synthesized, accidentally or otherwise, in a laboratory.

Some have advanced the view that two likely suspects for the biological dirty work would either be the Soviet Union's V. M. Zhdanov, who now heads the Ivanovskii Institute of Virology, or West Germany's Friedrich Deinhardt who was engaged in a joint project of retrovirus experiments with the Soviet Union's Boris Lapin of the Sukhumi Primate Center in the late 1960s when Deinhardt was actually working in the United States. Deinhardt is now the World Health Organization representative running the AIDS cover-up in West Germany.

The American scientist mentioned in the article, Dr. Robert Strecker, was entirely misquoted. He has raised the question of the World Health Organization and United Nations' role in disseminating the AIDS virus, if it had been actually synthesized as a by-product of experiments in the 1960s. Dr. Strecker has given *EIR* an exclusive interview which will be published soon.

Anti-U.S. riots in South Korea

On Oct. 29, more than 900 students occupied five buildings at South Korea's Kun-Kook University and threatened to burn them down, during the second day of demonstrations to demand dismantling of nuclear bases and withdrawal of U.S. troops.

Demonstrators distributed leaflets in the name of a "National Patriotic Students Alliance for Struggle Against Foreign Influences and Dictatorship." One leaflet demanded the overthrow of a "pro-American fascist regime."

Another leaflet called for removal of nuclear bases in Korea, withdrawal of U.S. forces and an end to exercises that can lead to military clashes. Other leaflets urged the major opposition New Korea Democratic Party not to compromise with President Chun Doo Hwan's government, but to continue a violent struggle against it.

Mass 'mercy killings' in Holland

Dutch family doctors carry out about 5,000 mercy killings a year and 80% of all general practitioners have direct experience with euthanasia, according to a doctor's survey of his colleagues.

Dr. Gen. Van der Werf told Reuters by on Oct. 28 by telephone from the northern Dutch town of Haren that he had polled 63 doctors in his area on euthanasia and discovered the favored method was administering a liquid called vesparax. Some 51 doctors had carried out 90 mercy killings in the last two years, mostly on cancer cases.

The doctors surveyed treat about 1% of the Dutch population. Van der Werf therefore estimates that there are about 5,000 cases a year among family doctors across the country. The survey was published in the doctors' journal *Medisch Variations*.

Thai Communists said to be stockpiling arms

Thailand's Communists are stocking arms and penetrating all sectors of society, including parliament, in preparation for renewed revolutionary war, the government said Oct. 29. Prime Minister Prem, laying out a fresh counter-insurgency policy to

nearly 800 government and military officials, told them Communists remained the nation's number-one enemy.

Army chief Gen. Chaovalit Yongchaiyuth told delegates the battered Communist Party of Thailand (CPT) had succeeded in greatly expanding its front activities in the past year to the point where it was again threatening armed revolution. "We consider this a period of reversal or resurgence of war," Chaovalit told the twice-yearly counter-insurgency review session. Thailand claimed to have ended the outlawed CPT's armed struggle in 1983, cutting its strength to less than 1,200 guerrillas from a peak of about 12,000 three years earlier.

But Chaovalit said Communists had penetrated domestic and international organizations, fomented opposition to the government's economic policy, infiltrated political parties, stepped up propaganda, and were stocking weapons in preparation for war. A spokesman said numerous weapons caches, including "hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition," had been uncovered recently.

The pro-Chinese CPT took up arms against the government in 1965. Peking ended support to the CPT in 1979 to normalize ties with Bangkok. The party was further sapped by poor leadership and mass defections in response to government amnesty offers and military suppression.

New terrorism in West Germany

Three terrorists "knee-capped" the head of the Office for Aliens in West Berlin, Mr. Harald Hollenberg, early in the morning of Oct. 28. This is the first time such a technique has been used in Germany. The terrorists fled in a car which was later found abandoned and burning by the police.

Hours earlier, the Revolutionary Cells had bombed the Lufthansa headquarters in Cologne, causing \$47,000 in damage, and shot and wounded an immigration official in West Berlin.

Briefly

● **STORES, OFFICES,** and schools in the north Indian state of Punjab closed on Oct. 27 in a 24-hour protest strike against the weekend killing of eight villagers by Sikh extremists.

● **HELMUT KOHL** and François Mitterrand, at a joint news conference ending a two-day summit in Frankfurt, said Oct. 28 that any elimination of U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe must not be allowed to reduce their countries' security. "The underlying thought . . . is first that European security must not be decoupled from the security of the United States, and second that it must not be possible in the future to conduct wars in Europe."

● **JACK ANDERSON**, in his syndicated column on Oct. 29, states that French officials are deliberately misleading their own people and the international press about the true source of the terrorist bombings that have rocked Paris. "Our sources," says Anderson, "who are terrorism experts in various Western intelligence agencies, believe that Garbidjian, an Armenian Christian, born in Syria, is the French prisoner whose release is the crucial demand of the Paris bombers"—not Abdallah, who French officials have convinced the press is the key individual.

● **MUSLIM REBELS** ambushed a truck in the strife-torn south Philippines on Oct. 28, killing six people, including an army captain, and wounding 27 other soldiers and civilians, officials said. The attack raised to at least 21 the number of people killed in Muslim or Communist rebel incidents across the Philippines since Oct. 24.

● **METROPOLITAN FILARET** of Kiev held a "very private" meeting with Pope John Paul II in the Vatican Oct. 28.