

International Intelligence

LaRouche addresses French military seminar

U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche addressed a seminar in Lyons, France on July 6, sponsored by the Schiller Institute and the French Fusion Energy Foundation, on the topic of "Radio Frequency Weapons: technical feasibility and strategic importance." Among those attending the conference were strategic specialists and industrialists interested in new technologies in weapons systems.

LaRouche denounced current "New Yalta" deals between East and West, citing as historical precedent the 4th century B.C., when the Persian Empire tried to impose its hegemony on Greece, by proposing to Philip of Macedon the creation of an "Empire with Two Heads," according to the plan of Isocrates. Plato's Academy, by pushing Alexander the Great to the fore, was able to put an end to the Persian efforts.

LaRouche then turned to the great crises affecting today—the financial crisis and the spread of AIDS. "The biggest problem is that there will not be, in the American presidency, as it now stands, someone capable of taking the kinds of decisions required. We are being offered a George Bush, who is a zero, and a Michael Dukakis, who doesn't even reach the level of a zero."

LaRouche also discussed at length the economic crisis shaking the East bloc countries, while warning against the notion that this might mean some kind of collapse of the Soviet dictatorship. "The East bloc economic crisis is the result of the frenetic looting to which those countries have been subjected, in order to permit a tremendous military expansion of the Soviet Empire. This creates an extremely dangerous situation. Faced with a West that they consider weaker than they are, the Russian empire will be tempted to resolve its problems by an Anschluss, using the same strategy Hitler did.

"What strategy must we adopt in the face of this?" LaRouche outlined the measures he would implement if he were President, especially stressing his space colonization program. "This would give the West a grand

design, and help relaunch science, organize the technological spin-offs into the civilian economy, and pull the economy forward with these advanced technologies."

Soviets want treaty with Australia

The Soviet Union is seeking a treaty that will permit Soviet ships to use Australian ports. Deputy Soviet Minister President Vladimir Kamentsev, visiting Australia, proposed during a stay in Sydney that the Australians grant harboring rights to Soviet vessels for a fair payment.

The Australian government posed the condition that long-term contracts on imports of Australian grain to the Soviet Union be signed, which Moscow is considering.

Military people in Australia are protesting the prospective deals, because the treaty, while officially restricted to civilian vessels, would allow the Soviet Navy to spread its operations into the far south of the Pacific Ocean.

The deal might be signed later this year, when Soviet Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov is expected to visit Australia.

Terrorist's arrest sheds light on IRA

The arrest in Brussels, Belgium of a former Catholic priest, Patrick Ryan, who is considered the "banker" of the terrorist Irish Republican Army (IRA), is bringing to light the IRA's international intelligence connections. Arrested on June 30 for possessing a false passport, Ryan, based in Spain, is believed to be the main liaison between the IRA and Libya. He is personally under investigation for the 1982 Hyde Park bombing in Britain.

His arrest came as British police had launched an all-out search to find some 100 tons of weapons known to have been delivered to the IRA by Libya over the last two years. These include sophisticated weapons: For example, the IRA in early July used

a Soviet-made 12.7 heavy machine gun to shoot down a British army helicopter.

Similarly, British intelligence sources report that though there is much noise on the IRA-Libyan connection, the government is aware that since 1968, the IRA has been entirely deployed by the Soviet Union, and that Libya is only a cut-out and transit point.

However, for primarily diplomatic reasons, no one in Britain is ready to publicize the Soviet connection.

French minister wants to silence generals

The new French defense minister, Jean Pierre Chevenement, has written an unprecedented official warning to some 45 retired generals, not to "interfere" into politics.

The generals had signed an electoral letter in favor of Jacques Chirac during the June presidential elections, which were won by incumbent François Mitterrand, forcing Chirac's resignation as Premier.

Chevenement warned that even if retired, generals have the duty to remain politically silent and not to interfere in politics in violation of the "spirit of discipline and loyalty" of the army.

"The French army belongs to the nation, it is neither owned by a group of officers nor by a party, it is neither right nor left."

Chevenement's threat to retaliate legally against the generals if they maintain their political commitments in public, could mean that the new government intends a large-scale purge of the army.

Israeli generals back West Bank pull-out

There will be no return to the pre-November 1987 situation in the Occupied Territories, warned an unnamed high level Israeli military officer in a background briefing to the press on July 7. Some say this was General Miznea, the commander at the West Bank.

He then stated that he agreed with a statement by General Shahak, head of mili-

tary intelligence, that there "is no alternative to the PLO leadership" in the territories. The further the army moves in, the "more terrorism there will be."

The anonymous statement comes as the Military Council for Peace led by Gene Ya'ariv and retired military officers has begun a tour of Israel to convince the population of the need to give up the Territories.

France's *Le Monde* reports that their view is now shared by most Israeli officers up to the level of the chief of staff.

Savimbi in Germany, warns on talks

Dr. Jonas Savimbi, head of Angola's UNITA resistance fighters, visited Bonn, West Germany on July 12. The main purpose of his European tour was to remind everyone that UNITA is a force to be reckoned with, and that without it, any settlement of the Angolan conflict would be meaningless.

Rumors have been widespread that the United States and Soviet Union have reached a deal over Angola and southern Africa generally, and that Savimbi's assassination could be in the offing to clear the way for the deal.

Savimbi timed his European visit to make his presence felt before talks on Angola between the pro-Soviet government, the South Africans, the Cubans, and the Americans resume in the United States in July.

Savimbi insisted that it was not his aim to take part in the talks at this stage. "Dr. Savimbi was careful to say nothing that would offend his sponsors, the United States and South Africa, but he implied that none of the four powers should assume that UNITA will accept any agreement reached," reported the London *Times*.

On July 12, Savimbi presented to the Bonn media samples of toxic substances used by Cuban forces against UNITA and the civilian population in Angola and northern Namibia, during their recent intensified air raids. The substances included mustard gas and another new toxic gas that was first found in Afghanistan, produced in the Soviet Union.

As in Afghanistan, the substances are

sprayed from helicopters and used with artillery shells over a broad area, either preemptively to prepare an area for Cuban invasion, or in scorched-earth operations.

A team of experts led by Prof. Heyndricks of Ghent University in Belgium went to Angola at Savimbi's invitation three months ago, and secured samples of the toxic gas with the original Soviet inscription on them, which had repeatedly been found on Cuban dead and POWs.

Colombian government negotiates with M-19

On July 6, the Colombian government acknowledged that Interior Minister César Gaviria Trujillo had traveled to Havana to meet with M-19 chieftain Antonio Navarro Wolf, a protected resident of Castro's Cuba. Navarro has been named by the M-19 narco-terrorists as their negotiator with the Virgilio Barco government over ransom demands for the release of Social Conservative Party leader and twice-presidential candidate Alvaro Gómez Hurtado, kidnaped May 29.

Following his July 4 return from Cuba, Minister Gaviria declared, "We are making important and necessary advances [in negotiations] with persons who can eventually help us in the freeing of Dr. Gómez." Speculation that those "persons" may include Fidel Castro led Fabio Echeverri Correa, president of the Colombian National Industrialists Association (ANDI), to denounce Cuban intervention in Colombia's internal affairs, and to attack the Barco regime for authorizing the visit to Cuba.

The M-19's key condition for Gómez's release is its demand that the Barco government convoke a "summit" meeting, attended by representatives of the government, armed forces, Church, labor unions, business associations, peasant organizations, etc., to hear a presentation by the M-19 leadership on its "peace" proposals. Those proposals include withdrawal of the military from Colombia's terrorist-infested countryside, incorporation of all narco-terrorist gangs into Colombian political life, and an end to extradition of drug traffickers.

Briefly

● **THE VATICAN** has named Hong Kong Bishop John Baptist Wu a cardinal. The Chinese-born Wu will now take over responsibility for negotiations between the Vatican and Beijing. The raising of Wu is being widely interpreted as a slap in the face to Cardinal Jaime Sin of the Philippines, who heretofore represented the Vatican to China.

● **PLO CHAIRMAN** Yasser Arafat has made a proposal for direct negotiations with Israel, according to a message given to the Israeli government on July 9 by a special Romanian envoy. According to the July 10 *Jerusalem Post*, Arafat suggested that the PLO and Israel alone work out an interim solution for the Occupied Territories, and that once negotiations have started, broader negotiations could be held under the auspices of the U.N.

● **THE PENTAGON** has asked the Shamir government of Israel to open an investigation into Shaul Eisenberg's activities inside the Peoples Republic of China. The request is based on reports of Chinese acquisition of sophisticated radar components that the United States had provided to Israel as part of the Lavi jet program. Reportedly, a full prototype of the Lavi is now at a PRC military base. Eisenberg is Israel's largest arms dealer.

● **LEE HSIEN LOONG**, son of Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kwan Yue, said in early July that there was a "long-term loss to relations and confidence" between the U.S. and Singapore after the recent expulsion of an American diplomat for meddling in the country's internal affairs. Singapore would now have a "certain reserve" in dealings with Washington. The Soviets seem ready to fill the void: "Singapore is a city where everybody is making money. Why not us?" wrote the special correspondent of the Soviet weekly *New Times* June 24.