

# International Intelligence

## **Israeli war faction makes new moves**

Svend Auken, a leader of Denmark's Social Democratic Party, told Reuters wire service that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat "has intelligence reports indicating without any doubt that Israel is planning a new invasion" of Lebanon to derail peace efforts. The PLO sees "the same pattern of preparation as before the 1982 invasion—ammunition and war matériel amassed in the border region."

Meanwhile, members of the Israeli "crazies" war faction, like Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, have been speaking up. Sharon recently asserted that there "would never be peace in the Middle East as long as Yasser Arafat was alive," according to Reuters. He said that if the Palestinian uprising, or *intifadah*, is not put down, a Palestinian state would be formed on the West Bank. Sharon also called on Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin to resign for failing to suppress the *intifadah*.

At the same time, "Jewish Nazi" Rabbi Meir Kahane, speaking Jan. 28 at a Jewish community center in Brooklyn, New York, urged suppressing the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories by "any means necessary." "We must allow Israeli soldiers to use their weapons freely against the stone-throwers. . . . The land belongs to the Jewish people. If the Israeli government won't declare it, we will! We will ensure that there will never, never be a Palestinian state."

## **Panchen Lama of Tibet dies**

The Panchen Lama, the second-highest spiritual leader of Tibet after the Dalai Lama, died "suddenly" in Beijing of what the Chinese authorities called a heart attack Jan. 29. He was 50 years old.

While the Dalai Lama fled Tibet for exile in India, the Panchen Lama made his peace with the Chinese invaders, and went to live in Beijing. However, just on Jan. 23, he returned to the city of Xigaze, Tibet for a religious ceremony where he stated that the

price Tibet had to pay for its development over the last 30 years was greater than the gains, the *China Daily* reported Jan. 25.

Since "Liberation"—the Chinese invasion—Tibet has seen considerable development, but "we have also paid a high price which is a mistake we should never repeat." The economic gap between Tibet and China's eastern coastal regions has enlarged over the past five years, he said.

The Panchen Lama, who was himself in jail for over a year during the Cultural Revolution, said that the damage caused by "leftist mistakes" was more harmful than that of rightist wrongdoings. Almost every temple and shrine in Tibet was wantonly wrecked during the Cultural Revolution, including the *stupas*, or tombs, for previous Panchen Lamas that have just now been restored. The Panchen was in Tibet to rededicate the repaired tombs.

The Panchen made his statement at a "high-level discussion" among top party and government leaders, the *China Daily* said.

## **Soviet delegation meets with Pope**

On Jan. 16, a Soviet Peace Committee delegation, led by its chairman, Genrikh Borovik, the brother-in-law of KGB chairman Vladimir Kryuchkov, had a meeting in Rome with Pope John Paul II. The meeting was only revealed by *Pravda* on Jan. 27, which said that the talks focused on "examining questions of peace," and "the European process."

The *Pravda* article is extraordinary for its positive treatment of the Pope—not even a hint of criticism. It noted that such a meeting "could never have happened in the past. . . . A Vatican meeting with Communists? What's up?" and then cites the Pope saying that "a new situation is occurring in the world, a new climate has been created. I'm following *perestroika* in your country," which is helping to "overcome barriers" and increase understanding—and so forth.

*Pravda* also reported that the Pope has traveled to 78 countries, and devotes one paragraph to giving the number of Catholics by continent. The Pope is praised for his

commitment to disarmament and peace, and his specific praise for the INF treaty is cited and stressed. The Pope is also cited saying that "systematic contacts are necessary between the U.S.S.R. and the Holy See."

## **'When the British pushed drugs' in China**

Italy's newspaper of record, *Corriere della Sera*, ran a major feature Jan. 30 on the British East India Company's pushing drugs in China. Intelligence sources report that the article may be "one shot fired in political warfare" between "southern" (e.g., Italian) and "northern" (e.g., British) factions of international Freemasonry.

*Corriere* author and noted economic historian Carlo M. Cipolla's article was published under the headline, "When the British Pushed Drugs in China."

The British had a trade deficit with China in the 18th century, and the British East India Company, under the dictate of the then-hegemonic "free trade" philosophy, studied several systems to overcome the problem. First they tried to penetrate China with pornographic material, but this was not enough. "At the beginning of 1760, the East India Company elaborated and realized the diabolical design to introduce Indian opium into China."

In 1796, when the Chinese emperor banned the opium trade, the East India Company bypassed this obstacle using private merchants controlled by the company. The article then gives the figures on the tremendous increase in profits for the company thanks to opium, and reports that more than half of the public administration of China was staffed by drug addicts.

Besides the British, in 1820 the Americans began to send Turkish opium into China. The article then details the struggle in China against the drug trade which led to the 1838-39 Opium War.

Cipolla concludes, "Today, the West pretends to be shocked vis-à-vis the Latin American production of drugs which goes to North America. They easily forget that just a century ago, the West played the same game against China."

## ***U.S., Soviets called 'close' on Namibia***

The United States and the Soviets "have reached incredible closeness at the United Nations on the Namibia issue," a collaborator of former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt reported.

"Both countries are simply working together on all the details, cutting forces by one-half, elections, defense arrangements, and the like. The decision to do this has been taken at a high level on both sides.

"What is important, is that it brings East-West collaboration beyond theories and discussions, to the level of concrete details. The level of cooperation on detail is unprecedented."

He said the same intensity of cooperation could soon be applied to other regional crises, Kampuchea being the most likely next one. "If that means bringing in the Chinese, too, all the better."

## ***Mexican congressman defends LaRouche***

Mexico's Federal Congress was filled with murmuring on the morning of the Feb. 1 session of its Permanent Commission, when Rep. Oscar Mauro Ramirez, spokesman for the congressional delegation of the Authentic Party of the Mexican Revolution (PARM), defended Lyndon LaRouche against his persecutors in the United States.

Said Representative Ramirez, "In the United States, where they talk about great freedoms and great rights, there are also dark realities, realities which cannot be left without comment in any country of the world. They speak of political freedom; but right there, in the United States, there is also political repression. Otherwise, how can they explain the arrest of U.S. politician LaRouche, who is currently being prosecuted for several crimes? Why all of this? Because he has taken a political stand against the policies of Henry Kissinger and other Americans."

Congressman Ramirez's defense of LaRouche occurred during a speech in which he lambasted the "interventionist" policies proposed at a recent Heritage Foundation conference in Washington, D.C., where Mexican and U.S. "free market" ideologues planned the dismemberment of the Mexican economy (see article, page 11).

Ramirez also stated his party's opposition to the payment of Mexican debts by auctioning off Pemex, the national oil company.

At the end of the session, representatives of the neo-Nazi National Action Party (PAN) approached Ramirez to tell him that LaRouche is "indefensible, because he ripped off little old ladies."

Ramirez replied, "It isn't so. I've studied the LaRouche case, and it's very simple: The sentence he got is all out of proportion to the charges brought against him, and to me that is proof that he is being politically persecuted."

## ***Soviets recruiting slave labor for Siberia***

A Soviet parliamentary delegation that recently visited the Philippines discussed the possibility of sending Filipino labor to the Soviet Union to work on projects in Siberia. The Soviet delegation included Gen. Vladimir Lobov, first deputy chief of the Soviet general staff.

If the offer is accepted, the Filipinos would be joining over 10,000 Chinese laborers already in Siberia.

The Soviet revival of the "coolie" policy of 19th-century British imperialism would not only endanger the lives of the laborers, but would represent a serious security threat to the Philippines.

Following World War II, the Soviets used over half a million Japanese prisoners of war for slave labor in Siberia, refusing to repatriate them until after 1950. Not only did tens of thousands die, but those who returned had suffered brainwashing, with a considerable number becoming Japanese Communist Party members and Soviet agents.

● **B'NAI B'RITH** has set up a lodge of 38 members in Moscow, the first time an international Jewish organization has been officially represented in the U.S.S.R. Discussions of establishing a permanent B'nai B'rith office in the Soviet capital are now ongoing.

● **MARSHAL OGARKOV**, commander of the Red Army's Western Theater and former chief of general staff, may have a new plan for a strategic first strike against the United States, says a senior European military analyst. The plan reportedly calls for expanding and upgrading the Soviet submarine fleet with "noiseless" propulsion systems, and armed with missiles carrying *non-nuclear* warheads with a destructive power comparable to the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

● **SOVIET** doctors will test 3,000 children for AIDS infection after 27 toddlers were apparently found to have contracted the disease in a hospital from dirty needles, *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said Jan. 28. According to the labor newspaper *Trud*, one of the children has subsequently died.

● **SOUTH KOREAN** opposition leader Kim Dae Jung will visit Moscow in April, the *China Daily* reported from Pyongyang. Kim, who leads the "Peace Democratic Party," said in a meeting with a member of the Japanese Diet in Seoul on Jan. 26 that he had reached an agreement with Moscow. He will be the first South Korean political leader to visit Moscow.

● **KING HUSSEIN** of Jordan told to the Kuwaiti daily *al-Siyassah* Jan. 29 that international moves toward a Middle East peace conference would surface "in about two months," after the Bush administration had "settled in."