

International Intelligence

French judge has proof of Syria's terrorist role

New French findings on Syrian involvement in international terrorism could "embarrass the Americans," at a time when Syria is participating in the multinational force in Saudi Arabia, according to the *Times* of London on Sept. 4.

French investigating judge Jean-Louis Bruguière has compiled proof that Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, working through the PFLP-General Command group of Ahmed Jibril, and Libya's Col. Muammar Qaddafi, working through his assets in the Congo, were responsible for the Sept. 19, 1989 blowing up of a UTA DC-10 jet flying out of N'djamena, Chad. In the plane crash, the wife of the American ambassador to Chad was killed.

The report had been suppressed up to now, to avoid hurting French-Syrian and French-Libyan relations. The publication of Bruguière's findings now would "also embarrass the Americans, because Syria has sent a 2,000-strong force to Saudi Arabia," wrote the *Times*. U.S. Secretary of State James Baker visited the Syrian capital on Sept. 13, for meetings with top officials.

Bruguière is a member of the Central Service for the Anti-Terrorist Struggle (SCLAT). He recently briefed French President François Mitterrand, Interior Minister Pierre Joxe, and the heads of France's DGSE and DST intelligence bureaus about his discoveries.

The French evaluation is that Syria committed the atrocity against the UTA jet out of anger for France's support, at that time, for the forces of Lebanon's Gen. Michel Aoun against Syria.

Lafontaine demands an 'ecologist state'

The Social Democrats want to turn united Germany into an "ecologist state," the party's chancellor candidate, Oskar Lafon-

taine, announced in a campaign speech at the beginning of September. He endorsed several radical ecologist measures:

- an energy tax on all consumption in private households, public services, and industry, which would lead to a rise of energy prices by 50%;

- a penalty tax on pollution or wasting of energy caused by industry (measured according to draconian standards);

- an end to centralized energy policies and state funding of nuclear power; no new atomic power plants, no continuation of fast breeder development or other forms of nuclear technology;

- emphasis on ecologist issues in all industrial and farming projects; job-creation programs in this context;

- deep cuts in the defense budget by a minimum DM5 billion annually beginning in 1991, with the aim of curbing high-technology research and development with "dual-use" characteristics that could be applied in civilian and military programs alike.

The German Railway Workers Union attacked Lafontaine's proposals as "only emptying the purses of the small income-earners."

The Social Democrats' theme was seconded by Lothar Späth, the vice chairman of the Christian Democratic Union (Chancellor Kohl's party), who wants a united German economic policy that "gives equal preference to employment and ecology."

Like Lafontaine, Späth endorses new ecology taxes that are "high enough to prevent the wasteful and damaging use of natural conditions of life" on the part of industry.

Italian magazine: Gulf crisis was preplanned

The Italian magazine *Europeo* has charged that the United States manipulated Iraq's Saddam Hussein to create a crisis in the Gulf, in the same way that Henry Kissinger manipulated Mideast policies during the 1970s.

In an article signed by Giusi Ferre, published in the first week of September, *Europeo* reports statements by Gene Wheaton,

former adviser for security and the war against drugs at the U.S. embassy in Iran, during the Shah's regime: "The royal family of Kuwait will not be able to use its funds, because there will be another government. Thus, the capital will remain in the Swiss banks, in David Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank, and in the British banks of the Rothschilds. Exactly like what happened with the Shah."

Wheaton, who is now at the University of Southern California in Orange County, charged that the United States already had plans in the early 1970s to redraw the map of the Middle East. "I was in Teheran on May 30, 1972, when Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger visited the Shah, upon his return from Moscow. On that occasion they agreed upon the following: a 400% increase in the price of oil, the surplus of the income to go to purchase weapons for military programs, and be deposited in banks like Chase. Whether the '73 war was preprogrammed or not, the result was what they wanted."

Another military expert quoted by *Europeo* charges that the Bush administration sent false intelligence to Saddam Hussein in order to push him into an attack. The reports convinced him that nobody would intervene if he conquered Kuwait. *Europeo* reports that now, neither the Kuwaiti royal family nor the Saudi dynasty has any real power, and they will never recover it, since the United States is in Saudi Arabia to stay.

Will Israel annex West Bank for water?

Israeli Minister of Water Resources Rafael Eytan announced on Aug. 20 that the Shamir government is preparing political and legal arguments citing Israel's water needs as an overriding factor to retain possession of the Occupied Territories.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa reported that Eytan said that 50-60% of Israeli drinking water comes from the West Bank, and that the region's three-year drought has exacerbated the situation, making West Bank water more critical.

for annexation comes amid an Israeli government debate on whether to desalinate sea water to provide for future water needs.

Philippines democracy 'in danger of collapse'

"The realization that constitutional democracy in the Philippines is in grave danger of collapse has plunged political and business leaders into a desperate search for a formula within the civil political process to avert such a disaster, and military intervention," the *Manila Chronicle* wrote on Aug. 30.

"Cabinet members and congressional leaders are groping for a solution. Outside the government circles, business leaders were meeting in small groups yesterday in search of a formula within the constitutional system. Publishers of Manila newspapers are meeting today to examine what the media could do to reverse the momentum of the breakdown. . . .

"Against the mood of gloom, it was clear yesterday that the Aquino government was on the ropes. No initiatives were forthcoming. There were only signs of exhaustion. The palace is unable to calm the growing anxiety, sparked by last's week's wave of terror bombings and the ever increasing prospects of unrest fueled by an economy that has slowed down. President Aquino, whose authority was being swiftly eroded, could not even comment on suggestions that she call a meeting of the National Security Council."

Liberation theologians set uprising in Ecuador

Liberation theologians linked to the Peru's Shining Path terrorists are organizing an Indian uprising in Ecuador, a spokesman for the Ecuadorian Federation of Cattlemen, Jaime Nebot, warned in a Sept. 4 press conference. He charged that Spanish and Colombian priests who work with Shining

Path, with the backing of some Ecuadorian bishops, are instigating the uprising. Nebot called upon the government to take measures to stop the uprising, before the country becomes a "social hecatomb."

Terrorists are organizing for an Indian uprising against the 1992 commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Americas, the Armed Forces of Ecuador warned in a recent classified report, the news agency ANSA reported on Sept. 5. Indicating the regional scope of the plans, representatives of Indian communities in 20 countries met for a week in Quito, Ecuador two months ago. They announced that they were placing themselves "on a war footing" to stop any celebration of the 500th anniversary.

As *EIR* reported in its Aug. 31, 1990 issue, the Anglo-American Establishment has thrown its support behind Shining Path and other radical "Indian" organizations, in this 1992 uprising strategy. The summer 1990 issue of the *Wilson Quarterly*, published by the Washington, D.C.-based Woodrow Wilson Center, declares that the continent will soon be transformed into a battlefield between the races, and suggests that the anniversary of the discovery of the Americas be celebrated as "the 500th year of Indian resistance" against Spanish culture.

Terror threat to Germany's leaders

The Red Army Faction terrorists are threatening to assassinate political leaders, industrialists, and bankers in the united Germany, anti-terrorism authorities in West Germany declared in a new report. The story was confirmed on the basis of documentation seized in a police raid on the Hamburg Hafenstrasse district in mid-May.

According to the coded documents which police experts have been able to decipher only recently, Chancellor Kohl is on the terrorist hit list, along with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and prominent industry representatives like Edzard Reuter of Daimler-Benz Corp.

Briefly

● **AIDS WARFARE** against Africa? The director of the Ugandan state-run blood bank in Nakazero near the capital of Kampala, Prof. John Watson Williams, said in an interview with the government-run daily *New Vision*, that his staff found that two-thirds of the 17,000 blood samples Uganda has received from abroad since May were infected with the AIDS virus.

● **BURMA'S** military rulers on Sept. 8 arrested six opposition leaders, whose party won a resounding victory in general elections held last May. The charges brought against these leaders include spying. The arrests extinguished any hopes that the military rulers, who seized power through a coup in September 1988, would hand over power to the democratically elected party.

● **BETTINO CRAXI**, the Italian Socialist leader, said that "development is the new name for peace," in a television interview on Sept. 5. The phrase is a quote from Pope Paul VI's famous 1967 encyclical *Populorum Progressio*. Craxi stressed that a solution to the Mideast crisis must include economic development. He proposed that 90% of the foreign debt of the 41 least developed countries be canceled.

● **ARIEL SHARON**, the Israeli "hawk" who is currently serving as housing minister, visited the Soviet Union Sept. 6-14. Radio Moscow reports that he was there at the invitation of the Moscow City Council, to work out a deal whereby a Moscow construction firm will help build homes for Soviet Jewish emigrés going to Israel, in exchange for Israel's providing fruits and vegetables directly to the city of Moscow.

● **TERRORISTS** bombed two high-voltage towers in northern Italy on Sept. 11. The towers carried the power lines that transport electricity coming into Italy from the French Superphénix fast breeder reactor at Creys Malville.