

International Intelligence

Cambodian extension of Vietnam war

New evidence of U.S.-Chinese collaboration to destabilize the Thai-Vietnamese border appeared in the Aug. 1 issue of the British weekly *New Statesman*. The magazine's Asia correspondent reports that a special group operating out of the American embassy in Bangkok, called the Kampuchea Emergency Group (KEG) is running the Khmer Rouge-Pol Pot operation under the cover of refugee relief operations.

The KEG group is controlled by the State Department, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the CIA, and Ambassador Morton Abramowitz, who is considered a Pentagon China specialist. The KEG chief is reportedly Col. Michael Eiland, who in the late 1960s served as operations officer for a clandestine special force responsible for Vietnam war deployments inside Cambodia.

The *New Statesman* pointed out that the Carter administration's current policy has been borrowed from Henry Kissinger's "destabilization of Vietnam. . . . This is the Brzezinski strategy for the 1980s. There is no reason to doubt that it will be the Reagan strategy."

Rumania attempts new Middle East initiative

Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, visiting Paris, said on French television this week that "greater daring is required" to reach a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement, probably entailing a conference with the U.S., U.S.S.R., Palestine Liberation Organization, and European Community. He called for "an independent Palestinian state" and an end to "the policy of faits accomplis pursued by Israel."

According to Lebanese press reports, Ceausescu is coordinating this initiative with French President Giscard after discussions between the two in late July. Giscard reportedly will back the effort

only if the Arab states support it. Ceausescu has also met with Jewish leaders and according to the Israeli newspaper *Yedioth Aharnot*, quoting the Grand Rabbi of Rumania, a close friend of the Grand Rabbi of Britain, is involving American Jewish leaders in the process. Ceausescu has met with PLO leader Arafat late last month in Rumania, with Leonid Brezhnev Aug. 4 in the Crimea, and with the Egyptian foreign minister this week in Belgrade; he visits Jordan Aug. 17 to sound out King Hussein on the new initiative.

Uproar in Europe over PD 59

The official announcement that counterforce and "limited nuclear war" are U.S. military doctrine continued to generate opposition in Western Europe this week. Former Bundeswehr General Gerd Bastian, interviewed by the *Frankfurter Rundschau*, predicted that the "misperception" of a possible limited nuclear war "could have devastating consequences for the world and especially Central Europe, in the future." Bastian resigned his post in the West German army in protest against the December 1979 decision to install NATO medium-range missiles on European territory. He added that the Soviets will react to the NATO modernization program in the same way the United States reacted to the U.S.S.R.'s positioning of Soviet missiles in Cuba in 1962.

The West German press is playing up continuing charges that Harold Brown inadequately briefed the Allies on the Soviet capability in Europe while the Eurorocket decision was being made. The Atlanticist weekly *Die Zeit* attacked PD-59 in two articles, the first noting that the U.S.S.R. would retaliate against a "counterforce" attack with a fullscale attack on the U.S. The second asks "what other surprises" Carter has in store.

On the Soviet side, TASS issued a further attack on PD-59, calling the U.S. decisionmakers "nuclear maniacs" with a "mad, misanthropic and very danger-

ous concept." TASS stated once more that "there can be no local nuclear wars in our era. . . . Any attack by one state on another would mean . . . the threat of universal nuclear holocaust."

Libya tries to mediate Cyprus dispute

Libya has appointed itself a mediator in Cyprus as of late July, when it announced plans to host talks in Tripoli between Cypriot President Kyprianou and Turkish Cypriot leader Denktas "some time in the future" under the aegis of the U.N. According to insiders, Libya wants to partition the island into two loose confederations, with the Turkish state an outpost of Libyan extremism; Denktas maintains close ties with Libya.

Libyan mediation was reportedly first suggested by Greek socialist leader Andreas Papandreou last year. Following Denktas's trip to Libya this June, the Libyan foreign minister arrived in Cyprus to meet with Kyprianou and pressure Greek Cypriots. In late July, Libya's information minister arrived in Cyprus. Kyprianou has balked at Libya's role, but over the past several weeks the Greek Cypriot opposition has mounted a propaganda effort accusing him of stonewalling a settlement.

Terrorists target President Marcos

Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino, a former Senator in the Philippines, has in effect threatened President Ferdinand Marcos with new terrorist action against his government. Speaking before the Asia Society in New York, Aquino predicted plots to kidnap, bomb and assassinate public officials in order to "bring President Marcos to his knees." Aquino pointed out that "They [the terrorists] have received not only moral encouragement but material assistance," then referred to the violent "Light a Fire" movement and

declared, "More are coming, better trained and better prepared." Aquino came to the U.S. last May for heart surgery; since then, he has reportedly been sighted in Libya, Syria, and Europe.

Philippines military prosecutors have charged 20 terrorists involved in the "Light a Fire" movement of having smuggled explosives from Seattle and San Francisco in order to kill President Marcos, Imelda Marcos, and six cabinet ministers.

An industrialist formerly active in the Philippines and domiciled in San Francisco, Steve Psinakis, has been accused by the military prosecution of acting as a key figure in the "Light a Fire" movement. Psinakis, an American, is the son-in-law of exiled Filipino politician Eugenio Lopez.

Shin Beth case linked to West Bank policy

David Halevy, a reporter for the *Washington Star*, faces a possible 15-year jail sentence in Israel. Halevy had dispatched an Aug. 8 story from Tel Aviv reporting that the head of Israel's Shin Beth internal security agency, Avraham Achituv, had resigned his post in protest against "deliberate obstruction" of Shin Beth efforts to crack a Zionist-fundamentalist group on the West Bank suspected of terrorist bombings.

Under Israeli law, it is forbidden to publicly name the head of Shin Beth. Halevy, an Israeli citizen, is being indicted on these grounds.

Halevy's story has created a political storm. Achituv has issued a strongly worded formal denial of the report. Begin has personally likened the Halevy article to a "blood libel," the accusation shrieked by rampaging anti-Jewish mobs in medieval times that Jews were drinking the blood of Christian children.

A well-informed Middle East source reported to *EIR* Aug. 13 that "Begin is particularly frantic because he is about to launch a repression campaign that will

terrorize many Arabs into leaving the West Bank. This will occur between now and the end of the year, since Israel's evaluation is that the U.S. is in a state of paralysis because of the elections."

Italian neofascists' 'French connection'

Investigations of Mario Affatigato, the neofascist suspected of the Bologna station bombing in Italy two weeks ago, have led French and Italian authorities to pursue French neofascist organizations.

Affatigato, who was arrested in southern France, is a leading organizer for the FANE (European and National Action Group), which has close ties to Italian and other rightwing terrorists. The FANE leaders proclaim themselves to be followers of the "New Right" headed by Louis Pauwels and Jean-Marie Benoit, publishers of *Figaro* magazine and propagators of sophisticated racial supremacist theories, Wagnerian music and modern art. Pauwels introduced MK-Ultra drug and counterculture experiments to France, and is a specialist in the creation of cults.

The inquiry has led to Paul Durand, a leading FANE member who recently toured the neofascist centers of Italy, including Bologna. Police discovered that Durand was working in the Renseignement Generaux, the French equivalent of the FBI, and at one time had been in charge of security protection for VIPs including France's Grand Rabbi, Jacob Kaplan.

Affatigato's friends in the FANE and the openly fascist Ordine Nero are predominantly former members of the OAS, the secret French organization created to set up a Rhodesia-style regime in Algeria and assassinate Charles de Gaulle. They also include members of the Corsican mafia. Corsican separatists are trying to gain international respectability while their terrorist wing, the FLNC, has launched a wave of bombings and shootings inflicting millions of dollars worth of damage.

Briefly

● **MUSLIM STUDENT** Association leaders based in the U.S. and Canada have deployed to the Middle East to seek Iranian and Arab financial support for their terrorist activity. MSA Secretary-General Mahmoud Rashdan is currently in Teheran. Another MSA leader is in Kuwait fund-raising for "prisoner support work," a euphemism for recruiting hit squads from American jails.

● **THE INDIAN** government has banned a conference of the youth wing of the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami on Aug. 22 in Kashmir. Libyan money is flowing into the region to "liberate" its Muslim inhabitants through Iran-style revolution.

● **FADHEL MASSAUDI**, a leader of the anti-Qaddafi Libyan exile movement, told the Milan daily *Corriere della Sera* Aug. 13 that the movement is unifying to step up operations. A Soviet move to dump Qaddafi cannot be excluded, he said.

● **JESUIT GENERAL** Father Arrupe is seeking to resign, the first General to do so in the 439-year history of the powerful order. Arrupe has come under pressure from the Vatican. Sources predict a shift by the Society of Jesus from left activism to right-wing fundamentalism if Arrupe, an advocate of the "Christian-Marxist dialogue," steps down.

● **EGYPT** has declared a national state of emergency to fight an invasion by tens of thousands of disease-carrying rats. The Health Ministry reported this month that 102 villages had been "conquered" by vermin in the Nile Delta, destroying crops and orchards. A plague potential is also cited.

● **U.S. DRUG** Enforcement Administration offices will be shut down in Bolivia following the coup.