

# International Intelligence

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## ***Ben Bella demands 'natural development'***

Former Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella, who was recently released from house arrest by the current Algerian government, has called for the Arab countries to break with "Western ways" and to desist from basing their economies on oil production.

"Can't we find a policy that is our own and that depends on our agriculture?" he asked. Oil development, Ben Bella asserted, creates "barriers to natural development." The former president, an open supporter of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, made his comments in an interview with the Lebanese journal *As-Safir*, which is close to Libya's Colonel Muammar Qaddafi.

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## ***Another coup for Turkey?***

Another coup may be in the works for Turkey. According to intelligence sources, the Turkish generals who seized control of the government Sept. 12 are beginning to balk at continued demands of the International Monetary Fund and related agencies for the complete dismantling of Turkey's large state-sector industrial enterprises. The generals, writes the London *Guardian* on Dec. 15, are "hankering after a return to protection, intervention and the state sponsorship of ailing industries."

The article suggests that if the generals don't cooperate, there "could yet erupt a coup within a coup, removing the moderate head of state, General Evren and his deputy, General Saltik." According to the *Guardian*, the "ruling junta is badly divided." The likely coup-makers would be a clique of right-wing officers who are pressuring Evren to release their mentor, the self-professed neo-Nazi Col. Alparslan Turkes, now imprisoned.

Another issue is the generals' refusal to cooperate fully with NATO. A recent

government-approved editorial in the daily *Milliyet* stressed Turkey's good relations with both the East and the West, singling out its economic accords with Moscow "as a safety valve in providing relief during the economic crisis we have experienced in recent years. . . . No one would be opposed to accelerating the Turkish-Soviet dialogue, particularly at this time when the economy is the most effective factor in preserving international peace." Recently, a top-level Soviet delegation was in Ankara to work out a new round of cooperative economic arrangements.

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## ***IEA blackmails oil consumers***

One week before the Dec. 15 OPEC meeting, the 21 nations of the International Energy Agency met in Paris, where a decision was taken to cut oil imports by 10 percent in the first quarter of 1981—on top of the 25 percent cut in imports recorded by the industrial nations over the last 12 months. According to accounts of secret diplomacy in Paris before the IEA meeting, OPEC and U.S. Energy Secretary Charles Duncan, who chaired the IEA meeting, coordinated a strategy to force the cut.

The Spanish news agency EFE reports that Venezuelan oil minister Humberto Calderon Berti held a meeting with Duncan, after conferring with other oil ministers including Algeria's and Ecuador's. Sources report that an agreement was reached whereby OPEC and the IEA would jointly force the imports cuts through a campaign of threats by OPEC that began that week with the Ecuadorian oil minister, René Ortiz. Ortiz warned the consuming nations that if they did not agree to reduce their massive stockpiles, OPEC would immediately impose a large oil-price hike.

Oil industry sources concur that such a move is most threatening to West Germany and Japan, who now possess large oil stocks as a hedge against another oil crisis. Both countries support massive industrial economies and are heavily de-

pendent on imported oil.

Following the OPEC meeting his week, Saudi Oil Minister Yamani, in an interview with *Die Zeit*, stated unequivocally that unless stocks were drawn down, OPEC would raise its price to \$50 a barrel at the next meeting in May 1981.

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## ***China tries to invent the apeman***

Chinese scientists in 1967 impregnated a chimpanzee with human sperm in an attempt to produce a half-ape, half-man able to do work, according to the daily *Wen Hui-bao*. The scientist in charge reportedly said the offspring would have been creative enough to learn simple words and could have been a source of organ transplants, however the pregnant chimp lost the offspring when Red Guards ransacked the scientists' laboratory during China's Cultural Revolution.

Another experiment destroyed was the exchange of heads between two dogs. The enterprise was aimed at the problem, "If, due to illness or other reasons, a person loses his body, could his head be transplanted onto the body of a humanoid so that he could live and make use of his intelligence?"

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## ***Salvadorean government shakeup boosts Duarte***

A government shuffle at the top in El Salvador last weekend left Christian Democrat José Napoleon Duarte firmly in control. Duarte was named president, with the Commander of Chief of the Armed Forces, Col. Jaime Gutierrez assuming the job of vice-president, replacing the five-man junta which had run the country since October 1979.

The government reorganization followed immediately upon a four-day visit to El Salvador by a Carter administration "fact-finding" mission. The mission, led

by Kissinger associate William Dill Rogers and Assistant Secretary of State William Bowdler, was officially constituted to investigate charges that government security forces had been involved in the assassination of four American women, three of them nuns, by right-wing death squads the previous week.

Members of the mission, however, carried out a much broader task, holding high-profile meetings with many of the country's top religious, business and political leaders during their stay. In a brief statement to the press upon their return, the mission stressed the urgency of a "government restructuring" and the re-establishment of command structures within the Army.

Within three days, Duarte announced the government shuffle.

## ***Soviets aid Libyan intervention into Chad***

Because of a massive airlift of materiel and troops from Libya into neighboring Chad since mid-October, the Libyan-backed forces in the Chad civil war have gained the upper hand after a week of heavy fighting in Chad's capital, Ndjamena, which began Dec. 8.

The equipment transported as well as the aircraft used were in large part supplied by the Soviets to Libya. If the Soviet-backed Libyans successfully consolidate their victory, Chad will become a springboard for spreading similar tribal and religious conflicts throughout central and western Africa, targeting Cameroon, Nigeria, and states in the Sahel region or bordering on the Sahel.

Coming on top of the drought already afflicting much of the region, hundreds of thousands of additional refugees will be created, people that will be left to die as is already happening in eastern Africa.

When the French government, after not reacting publicly to the Libyan buildup in Chad, expressed dissatisfaction with the Libyan intervention, TASS responded by denouncing "efforts by imperialist

circles to create conditions for a direct intervention into Chad."

## ***Palme Commission sets arms control agenda***

The Palme Commission on Arms Control and Disarmament Issues met quietly in Vienna last week, ostensibly to set an agenda for its 1981 work.

The commission, headed by top Eurosocialist Olof Palme of Sweden, and including former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Leslie Gelb of the Carnegie Endowment, former British Foreign Secretary David Owen, and Georgi Arbatov, the head of the Soviet Imemo think tank, sees itself as a "permanently open channel" between East and West, according to one source. "This channel will stay open, no matter what happens between the Soviet and U.S. governments about such things as Poland," one commission member stated.

Commission members say that they will become the principal forum for discussion of the renovation of the SALT process. "We can air things, radical ideas, that the negotiators won't dare touch," said a commission adviser.

The meeting followed a series of private informal gatherings two weeks ago in Washington, D.C. between Arbatov, Vance, Gelb, and Palme on the periphery of a conference on "Eurosocialism and America."

Six full commission meetings with 20 smaller meetings, are planned over 1981. Each full meeting will take up an "immediate issue" and longer-term problem. The next meeting, scheduled for February, will reportedly deal with the SALT process itself and the longer-term "problem" of technology control.

Commission members clearly regard themselves as an adversary of the incoming Reagan administration. Reportedly, the meeting deliberately decided to withhold making any statement about SALT until the Reagan administration commits itself to a position. "Then we will have something to attack," said a source.

## ***Briefly***

● **JACQUES WAHL**, an official representative of the French government, concluded a week-long trip to the U.S. on Dec. 17 to meet with George Bush and Reagan advisers including Ed Meese, James Baker, Richard Allen, and Fred Iklé. According to *Le Figaro*, Wahl termed it urgent for the President-elect to personally contact his European allies as soon as possible.

● **LYNDON LAROCHE, JR.**, chairman of the advisory board of the National Democratic Policy Committee, has presented policy proposals on Mexican-American relations to both Ronald Reagan and Mexican President José López Portillo, who will meet in Ciudad Juárez Jan. 5. The proposals center on oil-for-technology accords.

● **THE SOVIET** Communist Party has reached an agreement with the Vatican that there will be no Warsaw Pact military action against Poland so long as the Church keeps the Solidarity union movement in check, according to the Dec. 16 issue of the Italian daily *La Stampa*.

● **THE BROCKDORF** nuclear power station in the north German state of Schleswig-Holstein was the target of a Dec. 16 regional Social Democratic Party resolution, which has also sent a delegation to Bonn to lobby against construction of the plant. Environmentalists are organizing a demonstration of 10,000 at the site.

● **MUSLIM** Brotherhood activists have begun to organize students at two universities on the West Bank, An-Najah and Bir-Zeit, the Jerusalem Domestic Service reported Dec. 15.

● **LEFTIST** guerrillas in El Salvador have announced preparations for a "final offensive" against the government to begin shortly.