

# International Intelligence

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## **Japanese: Volcker spurs U.S. trade deficit**

Japanese officials are telling their U.S. counterparts who complain about the expected \$15 billion U.S. trade deficit with Japan for 1981 that Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker's credit policy is to blame, former Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. Nobuhiko Ushiba told *EIR* in a Sept. 17 interview. Ushiba emphasized that the high rates artificially raise the value of the dollar and lower the competitiveness of U.S. exports. Ushiba also said many Japanese believe "high interest rates aggravate rather than reduce inflation." In fact, congressional sources have informed *EIR* that a so far unreleased Commerce Department study predicts a global U.S. trade deficit in 1982 of \$60 billion.

Nonetheless, Ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield continued pressure on Tokyo for export cuts by telling a Japanese audience Sept. 21 that the Japanese trade surplus "is bound to have serious repercussions within the U.S., and provide ammunition to those voices calling for protectionist measures."

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## **A Tokyo mission to avert trade war**

The Japanese government has adopted a policy of heading off potential trade war with the United States and Europe by stepping up its promotion of Japanese manufacturing investment in those countries. Tokyo is also circulating proposals for joint development projects in OPEC nations and other developing countries, according to Japanese business sources.

This policy is being taken to Europe by a high-ranking business/government mission this month, headed by the chief of the Keidanren industrialists' association, Y. Inayama. The delegates include senior executives from the most impor-

tant industrial combines as well as N. Ayama and T. Sagami, advisers respectively to the trade and industry ministry and the finance ministry.

The European delegation will pose industrial cooperation in high-technology manufacturing projects in Europe as well as construction and industrial projects in the Third World.

According to these business sources, Japanese leaders see such proposals as the context in which current frictions over Japan's automobile and television exports can be prevented from igniting a trade war.

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## **Khomeini's slaughter targets children**

Over the last two months, the number of executions in Iran has reached into the thousands. Last week Khomeini ruled that political detainees need not have a legal trial but can be executed upon arrest. Of the growing number of killings daily, there are more and more instances of young women being executed.

This emerging pattern of women and children being targeted for elimination follows the hideous blueprint of the State Department's "Office of Population Affairs," which sees the elimination of child-bearing females as key to "population control."

In a statement broadcast over Teheran radio, Khomeini warned Iranian parents not to allow their children to engage in political activity or engage in ideological discussions. He urged students to police one another and report students as young as seven years old for antigovernment activities. Last month Khomeini ruled that political arrests could be made of children as young as 12.

Education Minister Ali Akbar Parvaresh told a rally at Teheran University earlier last week that "intelligence departments" would be set up in the schools to search out nonfundamentalist students. All felt-tipped pens have been

banned by the Islamic dictatorship to prevent school children from writing anti-Khomeini graffiti on schools and other public buildings.

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## **One in five Britons now unemployed**

The latest figures published by the British government indicate that "the recession in the U.K. may not have bottomed out as early as it had originally estimated," complained the *Financial Times* Sept. 23. Even the London *Times* has now been forced to admit that the current collapse is "surpassing anything recorded during the Depression in the early 1930s."

The revised Exchequer estimates now indicate that the GNP of Britain fell 0.6 per cent in the second quarter, instead of the previous estimate of 0.4 percent, and that unemployment is hitting the 3 million mark with an increase by 58,000 to 2,998,789 in September. "Although the numbers out of work are growing at less than half the rate recorded last winter," says the *Financial Times*, "there are signs of a new acceleration in the rate of increase."

The new U.K. employment secretary, Norman Tebbit, responded to the news by stressing that "unemployment will go still higher unless employers maintain the pressure for low wage increases."

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## **Canada caught aiding Red Brigades**

The Canadian government released Italian Red Brigades terrorist leader Francesco Piperno from prison Sept. 17, and then, in response to international pressure, re-arrested him within 24 hours before he could leave for France.

Piperno, wanted in Italy in connec-

tion with the murder of former Christian Democratic Prime Minister Aldo Moro, was released by Associate Chief Justice James Hugessen of the Canadian Superior Court the day before his scheduled extradition hearing. The reason given was that the Italian arrest warrant did not charge Piperno with crimes that were extraditable under the Canadian-Italian extradition treaty. However, knowledgeable sources say this is false, and that the case implicates the Canadian government in protecting international terrorists.

Piperno was arrested in Canada earlier last month as he attempted to cross the border into the United States, where he had been promised a position at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, according to the Italian newspaper *Paese Sera*.

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## **United Nations renews Pol Pot sanction**

On the first day of its 1981 General Assembly session Sept. 18, the United Nations voted by a margin of 77 to 37 to keep the seat of Kampuchea in the hands of the ousted Pol Pot regime, which murdered one-third or more of the country's population. Thirty-one countries abstained from voting, and nine absented themselves from the session on this decision.

All the countries which voted on the Pol Pot issue did so in full knowledge of two facts: one, that under Pol Pot's regime, with Chinese supervision, during the years 1975-79, some three out of the country's eight million people were killed in labor camps. Second, hand in hand with China, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick strong-armed and blackmailed vacillating countries to cast their vote to keep Pol Pot recognized at the United Nations, rather than the current government of Heng Samrin.

The Vietnamese ambassador to the

U.N., Ha Van Lau, told the U.N. shortly before the vote: "It [seating Pol Pot] would be an encouragement to those who carried out the worst violations of human rights that have ever been committed and would moreover, constitute a new imposition on the Kampuchean people of a genocidal regime which has been unanimously condemned by all humanity and would thus represent a dangerous sanctioning of the expansionist policies of the Peking authorities in Southeast Asia."

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## **Hussein warns of overthrow plot**

Jordan's King Hussein has accused Israel's Begin government of "plotting" to overthrow him. In an interview with the Paris-based magazine *Mostakbal*, Hussein suggested that the United States is behind the plan. "In my opinion," said Hussein, the United States is "searching for a situation in which Israeli hegemony can be expanded to include Jordan."

Hussein's charges come in response to repeated statements by hardline Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon that Jordan, not the West Bank or Gaza, should be the national homeland of the Palestinians. Sharon is rumored to have argued for Hussein's assassination should the latter obstruct his designs.

"The statements he [Sharon] has made have indicated a commitment on his part to destabilize Jordan, to make it a springboard for further expansion of Israeli power and influence in the area," stated King Hussein's brother Crown Prince Hassan. "Of course, we have to take his views seriously. We know Israel is just waiting for a chance to act against us, as it has acted against Iraq and Lebanon."

Hassan went on to implicate Sharon in reports that Palestinian guerrillas had infiltrated into Jordan from Syria to carry out terrorist attacks on Israel. Sharon, charged Hassan, "is preparing a pretext that he could use for a military option in Jordan."

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● **CHANG WENCHIN**, Chinese deputy foreign minister, has told Alexander Haig that Peking will not condescend to buy U.S. arms until Washington reneges on its legal obligation to sell jets to Taiwan, according to Chinese-language newspapers in New York. The Peking press has made a series of recent claims that the U.S. is "a declining superpower" and needs an alliance with Peking, not vice versa.

● **MENACHEM BEGIN** has declared that the crucial vote on the U.S. sale of AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia will take place Oct. 20, although no senator at that point was aware that a date had been scheduled.

● **ANWAR SADAT** has announced that he has invited Pope John Paul II to visit Egypt and participate in a celebration of the three great religions.

● **PRINCESS ASHRAF** Pahlavi, sister of the late Shah of Iran, questioned a U.S. reporter, "I would like to know where are the human rights lawyers who in my brother's time were making such a fuss. . . . Why do they remain silent? Where is Amnesty International now?" asked Ashraf in a Sept. 24 interview with the *Washington Post*.

● **WALTER L. GORDON** has proposed the establishment of a Royal Commission to re-examine Canadian defense policy, and study a proposal for Canada to leave NORAD and divert much of its NATO contribution from Europe to northern Canada. On Sept. 21, Canadian External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan speaking at the U.N., praised the goal of "nonalignment . . . from more powerful countries intent on subverting their assets to their own purposes," referring to the U.S.