

# International Intelligence

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## ***Will the Italian government survive?***

Italy's Premier Bettino Craxi has embarked on a risky maneuver to gain control over a revived Propaganda-2 scandal which threatens his government coalition. Craxi has called for a parliamentary vote of confidence he might lose, since his parliamentary majority is very insecure.

The destabilization of the Italian government involves an alliance between fascists and Communists. The Propaganda-2 Freemasonic lodge scandal was revived by "secret documents" on the investigations illegally "leaked" to the press by a member of the opposition fascist party (MSI). The Communists have been foremost in making an issue of the documents.

The scandal first broke out two years ago, and implicated hundreds of Italian notables and ranking politicians in dirty money, blackmail, and political crimes up to and including terrorism and coup plotting. Now implicated is the head of the Italian Social Democrats (PSDI), Pietro Longo, a member of Craxi's cabinet.

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## ***Henry Kissinger moots Persian Gulf blow-up***

Just after returning from the elite Bilderberg Conference in Stockholm, Henry Kissinger told a Louisiana audience that the Iran-Iraq war is "the single greatest threat to international stability." Speaking May 16 to the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America in New Orleans, Kissinger said that U.S.-Soviet relations were at their worst in memory, and that the Iran-Iraq conflict is making relations worse.

A similar line was forthcoming from the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS). In a recently published report, the London-based think-tank states that relations between the superpowers are worse now than at any time since the Cuban missile crisis, and predicts that they will get even worse in the near future. The IISS report

cites the Persian Gulf war as a major contributing factor.

Soviet liaison Armand Hammer of Occidental Petroleum gave an interview in Louisville, Kentucky, earlier predicting a spectacular increase in the price of Arab oil.

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## ***Soviets attack Japan's 'ambitions in space'***

*Izvestia* commentator Yu. Bandura denounced Japan on May 10, an attack provoked by Japan's full support for President Reagan's beam-weapons development program, the only U.S. ally to do so.

Japan, "encouraged by China's silence," is on a militarization drive, which includes space militarization, Bandura claimed. The program of the Japanese Government Commission for Space Research will transform "Japan at the beginning of the 1990s into a 'great space power.' "

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## ***Colombia launches new offensive against drugs***

Colombia's justice ministry is about to approve a mass paraquat-spraying program against marijuana crops. Until now, paraquat has been limited to "experimental use only." The step represents a dramatic new move in the country's war on drugs, escalated since the April 31 assassination of Justice Minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla.

President Belisario Betancur and his council of ministers must still approve the program, but the justice ministry has already given its fullest support to the decision. The use of the herbicide 2,4-D to eradicate coca bushes (used to produce cocaine) is the logical next step.

Speaking to journalists, Betancur called this part of an "irreversible war" against the mafia. "Organized crime has declared war on society, and I am part of society."

This March's raid on "Tranquilandia," a jungle cocaine-refining complex the size of a small city, hurt the traffickers badly.

The weekend of May 12, a second blow was dealt as another complex, Tranquilandia's rumored replacement, was captured in the plains of Vichada, 500 kilometers east of Bogota. The "cocaine city," 12 buildings on 15,000 hectares of land, was equipped with electronic equipment, five generating plants, a 3,500-meter runway, an airplane hangar, radar equipment, football fields, and dormitories for 50-100 workers.

Despite expert camouflage, the Colombian national police with the aid of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration satellites, identified the runway and moved in. The Vichada complex reportedly had the capacity to refine up to 1,000 pounds of cocaine per day, a full 10% of Colombia's total production.

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## ***Libyan hit squads operating in Europe***

A team of CIA and British intelligence agents has warned other European services to remain on alert against Libyan hit squads. British intelligence expects a wave of bombings affecting Heathrow airport.

The 20 or more hit-men sent to Europe before the London Embassy crisis are still in Paris, Bonn, and Rome—and reports in the May 13 *Sunday Telegraph* say Qaddafi paid Syria more than \$350 million to smuggle weapons to them.

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## ***Egypt bidding to solve Palestinian problem***

The moderate wing of the PLO led by Yasser Arafat will soon open its first political headquarters in Cairo, according to a report in the Gulf newspaper *Al Bayan*. The office will enable Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to closely coordinate diplomatic strategy with Arafat.

Arafat's number-two man, Abu Iyad, has given an interview to the newspaper of the Israeli Communist Party, stating that the PLO is now ready to talk peace with Israel.

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if Israel recognizes the right of Palestinians to self-determination.

According to other reports, a high-ranking official in the Egyptian government reported May 13 that Cairo has reason to believe that Israel will soon begin to withdraw its forces from southern Lebanon. Israel's military occupation of Lebanon has been the prime obstacle to Egypt's resumption of normal diplomatic relations with Israel.

### **Schiller Institute to block Europe's decoupling**

Scientists, political figures, farmers, ministers, and musicians from all over the United States, plus a delegation from Europe, came together near Washington May 12 to found the Schiller Institute, a German-American organization describing itself as a "road-block in the way of U.S.-European decoupling."

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the chairwoman of the European Labor Party in West Germany and wife of Democratic presidential contender Lyndon LaRouche, opened the meeting by giving an overview of the present strategic crisis. "The Soviet Union is very visibly pursuing a double strategy," aimed at incorporating West Germany and hence, all of Europe, into the Soviet sphere of influence; Moscow threatens to conduct a "surprise attack against West German territory and to risk nuclear war," reassured in this course by Henry Kissinger's doctrine of Flexible Response. "Without West Germany, all of Western Europe is indefensible."

The necessity of the alliance, she stated, lies in Europe and the United States' common historical and cultural roots. "We must return to the ideas of the American Revolution, the German classics, and the Liberation Wars against Napoleon. European republicans came over to America to support the War of Independence.

The victory of the American Revolution, in turn, created an unseen, before and thereafter, level of republican education among a broad population. Schiller was the

poet and inspirer of this process. In his drama *Wilhelm Tell*, entire passages are paraphrases from the Declaration of Independence. Friedrich Schiller's method of approach to world-historical problems is the only one which can still bring a solution. For this reason, we found the Schiller Institute."

The founding meeting established four "work departments" relating to U.S.-European relations: 1) military cooperation; 2) economic cooperation; 3) scientific and technological cooperation; and 4) study of the common historical and cultural roots of Western Europe and America.

The immediate task of elected leadership bodies of the Institute will be to prepare a large conference on July 4 in Washington, D.C., including a large European contingent.

### **Sharon boasts of aid to Khomeini**

Ariel Sharon, touring the United States, announced in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on May 14 that Israel has been delivering weapons to Iran "with the agreement of the United States . . . because an Iraqi victory would represent a serious threat to Israel. Iraq has the most fanatical regime in the region."

Back in Israel, however, a faction in support of re-opening lines of communication with Iraq seems to be gaining the upper hand. On May 9, Science and Technology Minister Yuval Ne'eman called on Defense Minister Moshe Arens to prepare "contingency plans" to bomb Iranian oil and nuclear facilities, stating that Iran's development of a nuclear program, with the aid of the West German firm KWU, and growing evidence that Iran has been using gas chambers to liquidate "Jews, Bahais, communists and opponents," require such preparations.

Strengthening the anti-Sharon faction is the recent publication of *War of the Dupes*, a book written by *Ha'aretz* military correspondent Avraham Shiff, which details how Sharon systematically misinformed other ministers about his real intentions during Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

#### ● SWEDISH INTELLIGENCE

sources report that a new Soviet submarine base is under construction at Ladoga Lake, near the Soviet-Finnish border. The lake is connected to both the Baltic and the White Sea through several canals and rivers. Sources have raised the possibility that the base might serve as an underwater mobile stationing site for SS-20 missiles.

#### ● JESUIT THEOLOGIAN

Waldemar Molinski of Wuppertal University, West Germany, told a national television audience that "both churches, the Lutherans and the Catholics, are in favor of mercy-killing." Molinski was commenting on the case of Dr. Julius Hackethal, who murdered a cancer patient last month. "The church would support the turning-off of machines in hospitals, if patients become a mere appendage of technology," said Molinski.

#### ● SEPARATIST

rebels in Sri Lanka holding an American couple released them on May 14 after threatening to kill them if demands were not met. They had charged that the couple were "CIA."

#### ● GUSH EMUNIM

leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger was arrested in Israel in connection with investigations of Jewish-fundamentalist terrorist plots. Levinger has been held for interrogation before, and is believed now to have known in advance about the bombing of five Arab buses in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

#### ● JERRY FALWELL'S

Moral Majority is said to have funneled \$100,000 into the Ariel Sharon-allied "Israeli New Right." The growth of the group, which has caused alarm in nationalist circles in Israeli, is reportedly being fed by both Christian fundamentalist money and KGB political connections.