

International Intelligence

Pamyat and Jerusalem Post: strange bedfellows

The *Jerusalem Post* published an interview with Dmitri Vasilyev, leader of the Russian chauvinist and anti-Semitic group Pamyat, in its issue of Sept. 1. Correspondent Walter Ruby managed to speak with Vasilyev in the latter's Moscow offices, and elicit from him fulminations about the danger of a "Jewish dictatorship" over the U.S.S.R., the "Zionist masonic" clique around Russian President Boris Yeltsin, etc.

This publicity for Pamyat is fully in character for the *Post*, which is owned by the Hollinger Corp. (whose board includes Henry Kissinger) and is linked to the U.S. Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL). The newspaper carried numerous commentaries, while the Moscow putsch was still ongoing, about how the coup could be of big benefit to Israel, because it would increase Soviet Jewish emigration to the Zionist homeland.

On Aug. 30, a Walter Ruby piece from Moscow was headlined "Good for Jews—If It Stays Stable." Ruby interviewed Alexander Schmuckler, president of the U.S.S.R. branch of B'nai B'rith, who said: "I think that despite the collapse of this totalitarian coup and the capture of power by friendly democrats, Jewish emigration is going to go up in the immediate future. The putsch showed how unstable the situation is in this country, and the thing Jews fear the most is instability."

Schmuckler is a political agent of the ADL, who personally circulated a libelous document at the World Jewish Congress conference in Berlin in May 1990, which attempted to link American statesman Lyndon LaRouche to Pamyat.

Race is on for top United Nations post

U.N. Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuellar will be retiring at the end of the year. United Nations sources report that it is expected that his successor will be chosen

by the Security Council out of a list of nominees proposed by the U.N. Association of the United States.

Those on the list, who have all expressed interest in the post, include: Sadruddin Aga Khan, Executive Delegate of the Secretary General; Ali Alatas, foreign minister of Indonesia; Oscar Arias Sánchez, former president of Costa Rica; Gro Harlem Brundtland, prime minister of Norway; Jimmy Carter, former U.S. President; Bernard Chidzero, finance minister of Zimbabwe; Kenneth Dadzie of Ghana, the secretary general of Unctad; Jan Eliasson, Swedish ambassador to the U.N.; Boutros Boutros Ghali, deputy prime minister of Egypt; Pehr Gyllenhamner of Sweden; Tommy Koh of Singapore, chairman of the preparatory committee for the Eco-92 summit; Olusegun Obasanjo, former president of Nigeria; Olara Otunna of Uganda, president of the International Peace Academy; Eduard Shevardnadze, former U.S.S.R. foreign minister; Maurice Strong of Canada, the secretary general of the U.N. conference on the environment; and Margaret Thatcher, former British prime minister.

Former U.N. Undersecretary General Martii Ahtisaari, now director general of the Finnish Foreign Ministry, will not be considered as a candidate for the post, even though he had earlier been considered a likely successor to Pérez de Cuellar. According to the New York-based *Diplomatic World Bulletin*, the U.N. Association of the United States, "along with many informed diplomats, considered the portly Finn a nonstarter. If he ever had serious ambitions, that report on the 'near apocalyptic' damage done by U.N.-authorized military action against Iraq may have torpedoed his chances."

Indonesia to chair Non-Aligned Movement

Indonesia was elected on Sept. 4 to chair the Non-Aligned Movement from 1992 to 1995 and to host next year's NAM summit. The decision was made at the ministerial conference of the movement, which took place in

Accra, Ghana from Sept. 2-8.

It had been known that India, a founding member of the organization of Third World countries, was going to throw its weight behind the choice of Indonesia. Nicaragua withdrew its own bid at a certain point and threw its support behind Indonesia.

The British Broadcasting Corp., in announcing that Indonesia had been selected, predictably attempted to interject the issues of East Timor and supposed human rights violations, but Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas ignored the point in an interview, saying only: "We are honored by the choice of the Non-Aligned Movement."

Iraqi Patriarch calls for ending sanctions

Patriarch Raphael Bidawid of the Chaldean Catholic Church in Iraq urged an end to the economic embargo against his country and denounced Israel's role, in an interview with the Italian daily *Avvenire*. "Once the embargo is lifted, my people will no longer need any other help," he said. The interview was reported in the *Catholic Herald* of Arlington, Virginia early in September.

Bidawid blamed the United States "for fomenting rebellion among Iraqi Kurds and said Israeli agents are encouraging Iraqi Christians to abandon their country with the promise of well-being and freedom in the West," according to the *Catholic Herald*.

"Israel, as it has done in Lebanon, wants to simply destroy the concept of Christians and Muslims living together in the Arab world," he said. "But this living together is possible. It is the Zionist forces who do not want it. The Kurds were manipulated by the United States to embarrass" Saddam Hussein, he said. "But they did not succeed. Then the West abandoned them."

"Certainly there was repression from the government. But the Kurds, like the Shiites, were thick with terrorists," he said.

The *Catholic Herald* article added: "Patriarch Raphael refused to pass judgment on Saddam, but said the failed rebellions only improved his popularity with Iraqis. 'The population now is more attached to Sad-

dam,' he said. 'After you see death, fever becomes more acceptable.' "

Lebanon's Amin Gemayel rejects double standard

"Don't forget Lebanon!" said former Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, in an interview to Radio France Inter on Aug. 30. "The Lebanese people are suffering, while the great powers applaud the disappearance of communist dictatorship in Soviet Union, but on the other side encourage and cover up the establishment in Lebanon of another dictatorship."

"There can't be two weights and two measures," he said. "I don't understand why some countries which didn't know very well the principle of freedom that we knew in Lebanon, today deserve freedom and democracy, whereas Lebanon is collapsing under the occupation."

Asked whether the current regime in Lebanon, ushered in by the Taif Accord and run from Syria, had not brought peace and order, at least to part of Lebanon, Gemayel replied that perhaps there is a certain security, and after 15 years of war, the Lebanese people "need sometimes to breathe." But, "Lithuania waited 50 years. Believe me, we won't wait 50 years to recover our sovereignty."

In an angry comparison with France under Vichy rule, Gemayel said: "Between 1939 and 1945, there was 'order and security' on a good part of French territory, but there was no peace. . . . What does it mean, 'peace on one part of the territory'? . . . To say this is heresy."

Beijing worries about rise of a 'Yeltsin'

Chinese Communist hardline faction leader Chen Yun is reported to have warned against the potential of some of Deng Xiaoping's protégés becoming counterrevolutionaries on the model of Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

South China Morning Post reporter Wil-

ly Wo Lap Lam wrote on Sept 4: "Influential party elder Mr. Chen Yun has warned that the Chinese Communist Party must do all it can to prevent the emergence of a 'Yeltsin-like figure' in China. The conservative patriarch has also indirectly criticized senior leader Mr. Deng Xiaoping for promoting cadres with dubious loyalties to Marxism and for 'privatizing' Chinese agriculture. According to Chinese sources, in a briefing to intimates soon after the failure of the coup in Moscow, the conservative patriarch said the party must draw the 'right lesson' from the crumbling of communism in the Soviet Union and the ascendancy of bourgeois-liberal politicians.

"China must prevent the emergence of ringleaders like Yeltsin," said Mr. Chen, 87. "We must draw the lesson from the Soviet Union and stress political principles and ideological purity when we promote cadres." The sources said Mr. Chen, the chairman of the Central Advisory Commission (CAC), had indirectly criticized Mr. Deng for elevating many 'ideologically weak cadres to the top, including former party general secretaries Mr. Hu Yaobang and Mr. Zhao Ziyang. More importantly, conservative leaders close to Mr. Chen have used his latest dictum to undermine the authority of Mr. Deng's latest nominee for high office, Vice Premier Mr. Zhu Rongji, best known in the West as 'China's Gorbachov.' "

Soviet Communists flee to China

Thousands of Soviet Communists are said to be fleeing to China, Associated Press reported from Tokyo on Sept 4. The nationally circulated Japanese newspapers *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* and *Saikai Shimbun* said the Chinese Communist Party has decided in principle to provide asylum to the defectors but not to openly discuss the matter.

Some Soviet diplomats in Beijing who have high positions in the Communist Party have sought asylum in China. But Chinese officials, mindful of relations with the West, were reluctant to accept them, the Japanese newspapers said.

Briefly

● **THE PAPAL** encyclicals *Centesimus Annus* and *Rerum Novarum* have been published in Russia, the Catholic News Agency reported from Moscow on Sept. 3. "Public demand is very high in Russia now for such writings," a source at the agency told *EIR*. It is the first time Catholic documents have been published in Russia in 74 years.

● **ISRAEL'S** Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said that Jewish terrorism is justified, but the Palestinians' is not, because "they are fighting for land that is not theirs. This is the land of the people of Israel." Shamir, who was a leader of the terrorist Stern Gang, said that "personal terrorism is a way of fighting that is acceptable under certain conditions and by certain movements." He made the statement during a radio interview on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Stern Gang.

● **CHINA** has put off the planned signing of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, due to the upheaval in Russia. Kyodo News reported Aug. 28 that Wan Li, the chairman of the National People's Congress, canceled the bill that was to be presented to the Congress.

● **FIDEL CASTRO** surprisingly volunteered to turn over damaging information about drug leader Pablo Escobar to the Colombian government, in a response to a government request. Cuba "explained" its ability to provide such information on the grounds that it emerged from the trial of Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa, who was executed last year on drug-trafficking charges.

● **THE CHIEF** of Pakistan's Jamaat-i-Islami party, Qazi Hussain, Ahmad, has charged that the family planning drive now being encouraged in Pakistan "is a clear deviation from the [Islamic] religion and a conspiracy of the West and has no relation to the development of a society."