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Honecker hails ties of Stasi with the West

In spite of the Cold War, the East and West German intelligence agencies maintained good cooperation, said Erich Honecker, the former head of the communist German Democratic Republic, in an interview with the journal *El Periódico* shortly after his arrival in Chile on Jan. 16.

Honecker, who was acquitted in a Berlin trial the week before and was allowed to leave Germany immediately afterward, said that the cooperation between East Germany's foreign intelligence agency, the Stasi, and West Germany's counterespionage agency, the Bundesverfassungsschutz (BfV), had "really been optimal and proceeded at the highest level." Both sides "informed and supported each other," Honecker said.

These remarks tend to confirm what knowledgeable observers in Germany have pointed out: that the sudden release of Honecker was linked to his inside knowledge about dirty aspects of East-West relations before 1989. Somebody would like to keep that information under wraps.

The same considerations also apparently secured the freedom of East Germany's former foreign intelligence boss, Markus Wolf (now living in Berlin), and his chief trouble-shooter Alexander Schalck-Golodkowski, the "business" partner of Oliver North.

In the interview, Honecker mentioned that he is still working on his autobiography, which he is committed to publishing later this year.

Brazilian cardinal: TV creates imbeciles

In the wake of the satanic murder of a television soap opera starlet, Cardinal Lucas Moreira Neves, of Bahia, Brazil, issued a manifesto against television, published in *Jornal do Brasil* Jan. 13 under the title, "I Accuse."

"I accuse Brazilian television," he

wrote, "of copiously ministering to its clients two ingredients which, curiously enough, always accompany one another: violence and pornography. . . . I accuse the television of our country of using sophisticated apparatuses and equipment with the aim of turning entire segments of the population into imbeciles . . . a generation of weaklings. . . . I accuse Brazilian TV of being the destroyer of the most true and inalienable moral values, be they personal or social, family, ethical, religious, or spiritual. Destroyer, because not only do they mock them, but they dissolve the conscience of the TV spectator, proposing instead the worst counter-values. In this sense, the business of demolishing the family and the highest family values—love, faithfulness, mutual respect, self-denial, and self-control—carried out daily, above all by the soap operas, is frightening. Instead of this: debauchery and dissolution, adultery, incest. . . ."

"Who killed the young actress? It would be ingenuous not to point out, and send to the seat of the accused, a co-author of the murder: Brazilian TV."

A recent study showed that in one week this year, the O Globo network's "entertainment" shows presented 244 assassination attempts, 397 attacks, 190 threats, 11 kidnappings, and 5 violent sexual crimes.

Balkan analyst sees world war looming

"It stinks of a third world war," a prominent Balkans figure told *EIR* in a discussion in mid-January, concerning the international repercussions of the current crisis.

He expressed full agreement with the view that the origins of the war could be found in a geopolitical effort to isolate and weaken Germany, and thereby weaken Europe. "The Serbs have always portrayed themselves as the bulwark against pan-Germanism, as the 'stabilization agent' in Europe. It's an old song, with a new singer today. As a result of the operation now, German foreign policy has become paralyzed.

The total paralysis of the German political class is both ridiculous and sad. Every time the Germans move, they are accused of being 'Nazis' trying to build a Fourth Reich.' But these accusations also provide a pretext, an alibi, for the Germans not to do anything."

He blamed the French political elite for reinforcing this view. "The French, for decades, have gone to the Russians, first the czarist Russians, then the U.S.S.R., in a flirtation against Germany. . . . The French are the traditional friends of the Serbians, although the English and the Americans have jumped into the game." He said that these powers were all involved in the "Babylon of diplomacy and initiatives," which was preventing a firm containment policy toward Serbia.

The source warned of the formation of "an Orthodox Church line in Europe," extending from Belgrade, through Athens and Bucharest to Moscow, which he considers extremely dangerous.

"When I see these wars among the churches, when I read the tabloid press in the Balkans, when I see the signs, I am reminded of the mood before World War II. Now, it all stinks of a third world war."

Cambodia may be heading for partition

Cambodia may be partitioned by the Khmer Rouge and the Phnom Penh government after the planned United Nations-sponsored elections in May, both Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas and Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said on Jan. 22, according to the *International Herald Tribune*. Both men have been very active in negotiations of the peace agreement for Cambodia.

Due to financial constraints, the U.N. Security Council has decided that the election will be held in May as planned, even if the Khmer Rouge guerrillas refuse to participate. Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan told Alatas that he will boycott the elections and the peace process.

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"We do have to contemplate the possibility, after the election, of some proportion of Cambodian territory not being effectively controlled by those parties contesting the election—maybe the order of 15-20%," Evans said. "We do have to contemplate the possibility of 500,000 or 600,000 out of 9 million Cambodians being in those areas."

"Partitioning is something nobody wants, but now, however, time is running short," Alatas said. If the Khmer Rouge does not participate in the elections, "you cannot speak of a comprehensive solution."

Since Jan. 18, the Khmer Rouge has held 12 U.N. personnel hostage in their headquarters in Pailin in western Cambodia.

Great Russians offer aid to Saddam Hussein

Russian expansionist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party, and a group of supporters flew to Baghdad on Jan. 24 to offer support to Saddam Hussein against the United States, the London *Sunday Times* reported. "We will blow up a few Kuwaiti ports and airplanes, plus a few American ships in the Gulf," Zhirinovskiy said. Zhirinovskiy received 6 million votes in Russia's presidential elections in 1991. Now, "give me \$1 billion, and I will be President of Russia," he said.

Zhirinovskiy visited Baghdad last year and held discussions with Saddam Hussein. It is due to pressure from the Russian politician's associates that Russia withdrew two warships from the Gulf which had been sent there in October, the *Sunday Times* reported.

Zhirinovskiy stated that the United States is "on its last legs; it will be starving in five years' time." He said the U.S. would collapse, just as the Soviet Union had. "We are going to Iraq to whip up anti-American fervor and to unite the Arab world against the U.S.," he said. One supporter predicted that "the millennium of the West is coming to an end."

Meanwhile, Russian communist and

military-linked nationalist media are warning that the U.S. attack on Iraq is a prelude to an attack on Serbia.

On Jan. 19, *Pravda*, formerly the daily of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, wrote that "the 'warnings' given to Baghdad are addressed also to Belgrade." Washington, the paper charged, is acting like "an international judge which is going to put the Serbs on trial," and which "can kill Muslims in one spot of the world while claiming to want to protect them in another, in this case Bosnia-Hercegovina."

The daily *Sovietskaya Rossiya* wrote on Jan. 19 that Russia, Serbia, and Iraq "form a triangle," and Russian policy must be to protect the other two. *Sovietskaya Rossiya* also warned that "the attack on Iraq is a prelude to a possible attack on Serbia."

Germans discuss lifting of Bosnian arms embargo

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said on Jan. 20 that Germany is considering lifting the arms embargo against Bosnia, "but the decision must not be taken lightly and not be taken on our own," according to a Reuters report. "We must consider it together with our partners and, if the vote in the Bosnian Serb parliament fails, carefully weigh up all the pros and cons."

Chancellor Helmut Kohl also said that the embargo might have to be lifted.

Kinkel emphasized that the international community must weigh the moral justifications for providing arms for people to defend themselves, against the dangers of pouring more weapons into the Balkans. "Of course we have a moral and ethical duty to help people defend themselves; but on the other hand, the delivery of weapons could be hugely counterproductive and bring the opposite of what one wanted," Kinkel said.

The Bosnian government has for months pleaded for an end to a United Nations ban on arms deliveries, imposed before fighting started in Bosnia, saying that it would not need foreign military intervention if it were only allowed to defend itself.

● **YASSIR ARAFAT** addressed an Israeli television audience on Jan. 21, calling on Israel to agree to a direct meeting with the leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization. "I call once again on the prime minister, Mr. Rabin, and his government to agree to a meeting of the courageous, in order to establish a courageous peace," Arafat said. The address was set up by Israeli peace activist Abie Nathan.

● **IBRAHIM SOUSS**, the Paris representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, has gone into hiding because of an alleged plot to kill him. The French Secret Service, which is currently protecting him, is said to have been informed of a plot involving the Hamas group, which opposes the PLO. Hamas has denied the accusation.

● **ISRAEL** is one of the few states that is still supplying Serbia with military goods, according to an unnamed "international expert" quoted in the German daily *Süddeutsche Zeitung* on Jan. 26. Latest shipments included 10 light tanks, spare parts for tanks, and MiG-21 fighter aircraft.

● **PERU'S** Shining Path terrorists have assassinated 14 candidates in the Jan. 31 municipal elections and have declared an "armed strike" for the cities of Lima, Ayacucho, and Huaraz. This means they are threatening to kill anyone who goes to vote. One hundred candidates have resigned from the race because of threats.

● **IRAN'S** supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei urged Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze in a meeting on Jan. 21 to help prevent Serbian crimes against the Bosnian Muslims. "Whoever helps the Serbs in their perpetration of those crimes shall be condemned by history, and Georgia can play an influential role in preventing those crimes," he said.