

International Intelligence

Peking gives Shultz the cold shoulder

Secretary of State George Shultz, on a 12-day tour of Japan, Korea, and China, received a less-than-warm reception from Peking. On Feb. 1, as Shultz was in Japan, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hao Deqing issued a statement declaring that "Whatever its pretensions, the United States' presence in the Asia Pacific region is essentially, fundamentally hegemonistic [Peking's password for attacking both the United States and the Soviet Union]. . . . This is equally true of its bases in the Philippines, its troops in Southeast Asia, its defense treaties with Japan, and so on, as is its support of the Nationalist authorities on Taiwan. . . . It is time to end it all."

It probably didn't escape Shultz's attention that the statement was issued while he was in Tokyo, for talks centering on bolstering U.S.-Japan military cooperation.

Central American violence threatens Pope on visit

Violent conflict in Central America is being escalated in the period prior to Pope John Paul's early March tour of six Central American nations, posing a grave threat to the Pope's security.

In Haiti, where the Pope is scheduled to attend the gathering of the Latin American Episcopal Conference (CELAM) on March 9, the "Hector Riobe" terrorist command issued a communiqué threatening to assassinate the Pope should the Pontiff "place himself at the service of the Duvalier family which rules Haiti." The terrorist group, which operates out of Miami, was responsible for a New Year's Eve attempt on the life of Haitian dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier.

In El Salvador, Bishop Pedro Arnaldo Aparicio of San Vicente spoke out against any possibility of a negotiated settlement to armed conflict in that country, adding that the Pope's visit would most likely not produce any dialogue between the opposing forces. Aparicio, who sources have de-

scribed as close to the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., also threatened Arturo Rivera y Damas, the acting Archbishop of San Salvador who has worked closely with the Vatican in attempting to stabilize the region. Rivera y Damas, said Aparicio, "is playing with the same pawns as Bishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero did." The reference is to Archbishop Romero of San Salvador who was assassinated two years ago by right-wing snipers.

The blue blood of the Club of Rome

Recent revelations in the Italian newspapers *Il Giornale* and *Il Giorno* have shed new light on how the genocidal policies of the Club of Rome and its offshoots in culture and science are coordinated.

These newspapers have run features on one Prince Raimondo Torre e Tasso of Trieste, whose German family branch goes by the name of Thurn und Taxis. Prince Raimondo owns a castle near Trieste, where his family has through the past decades sponsored many poets and writers, including existentialist blueblood Rainer Maria Rilke of Germany, Italian fascist poet D'Annunzio, and German writer Hugo von Hoffmannsthal. Today, to further the aim of "bridging between spirit, art, and culture," Prince Raimondo has continued this tradition.

Among the activities he proudly takes credit for are:

- founding and sponsoring the International Federation of Institutes for Advanced Studies (IFIAS), which, *Giornale* notes, is interchangeable with the Club of Rome, UNESCO, and the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies;

- founding and sponsoring the Trieste International Center for Theoretical Physics, which is headed by Pakistani Club of Rome member Abdus Salam. Salam has been recently trying to build an Islamic Center in Trieste as a center for Islamic fundamentalist activities;

- founding, with the late Lord Mountbatten, a "Collegium of the United World," for students around the world to be trained in Club of Rome ideology. The head of the

Collegium is now Prince Charles, and the Collegium has branch offices in South Africa, Singapore, Canada, and New Mexico, U.S.A.

Guardian raves against ABM systems

Space-based laser ABM systems will lead to nuclear wars, initiated by space-borne computers without the intervention of human judgment, writes the British daily, *The Guardian*, in a scare story on the supposed dangers of developing beam-weapons systems to destroy nuclear missiles in flight.

Entitled, "Holocaust By Computer," the Jan. 27 feature says: "Space activities will make war on earth even more destructive, and activities like anti-satellite warfare, the deployment in space of anti-ballistic missile systems . . . will increase the possibility of nuclear world war."

Club of Life branch formed in Madrid

When the founding meeting of the Spanish branch of the international Club of Life took place in Madrid on Jan. 22, discussion centered, not on the abortion question or any single issue, but on the impending collapse of civilization and the need to build a mass movement to counter the Club of Rome's ethic of mass genocide and deindustrialization.

Speakers at the conference, which opened with greetings from Club of Life-founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, included Alberto Piñero, a leader of the Spanish Right to Life movement; Humanist Academy president Elisabeth Hellenbroich of West Germany; Jonathan Tennenbaum, European director of the Fusion Energy Foundation; Manuel Ferrer-Regales, director of the Center for Urban Ecology in Pamplona, Spain; Dolia Estévez-Pettingell of the Mexican Labor Party; Nariano Oyarzabal, president of Westinghouse Nuclear in Spain, and *EIR* Paris bureau chief Katherine Kanter.

Also speaking were representatives of

the Humanist and Democracy Foundation of Spain and the economics faculty of Madrid University.

In attendance were journalists from *Ya!*, Europa Press, OTR Press, the Association of Catholic Publications, the Center of Agrarian Studies, the American Nuclear Society of Spain, the Foro Atomico Español, the National Spanish Youth Organization, the National Parents' Association, and the National Family Association.

Before the conference, the widely read daily *Ya!* had published a half-page interview with Piñero, under the headline "Club of Life Sees in Zero Growth the Risk of Nuclear War."

The Madrid counterpart to the *Wall Street Journal*, *5 Dias*, headlined its coverage "Anti-Friedmanites Will Meet to Found the Club of Life in Madrid."

Soviet think tank probes 'debt bomb'

The Soviet foreign policy think-tank IMEMO co-sponsored a seminar on the New World Economic Order with the Center for Economic and Social Studies of the Third World (Ceestem) in Mexico City, Jan. 27 and 28. *EIR* representatives report that the IMEMO personnel put out the line that the new world economic order was impossible to achieve "because of current economic conditions." But their main interest seemed to be to take the pulse of Ibero-American sentiment. What they were told by Argentines, Uruguayans, Bolivians, Nicaraguans, Cubans, and Mexicans present was that the New World Economic Order was not only possible but essential.

Press coverage of the meeting in the newspaper *El Nacional* featured an attack on the Brandt Commission by Ceestem international director James Estévez. Estévez charged that the IMF and the World Bank have refused any kind of meaningful aid to the developing sector, and that the Brandt Commission report "does not constitute a panorama for the autonomous and integral development of the Third World," but rather "for the survival of the multinational order."