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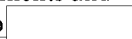
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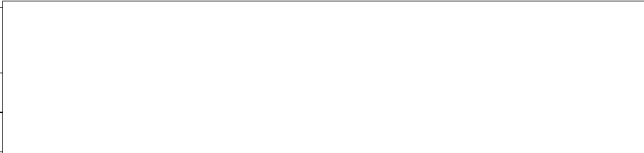


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Preface

This quarterly publication is designed to provide timely updates of ongoing active measures campaigns by the USSR and its allies as well as warning of future campaigns. It has three parts:

- Part 1 provides a brief assessment of the major ongoing active measures campaigns worldwide and new developments that we expect in those campaigns in the future.
- Part 2 provides a highlighted assessment of expected new active measures initiatives during the coming months.
- Part 3 is an annotated calendar of key events over the next year that we anticipate will figure prominently in campaigns by the Soviets and their allies.



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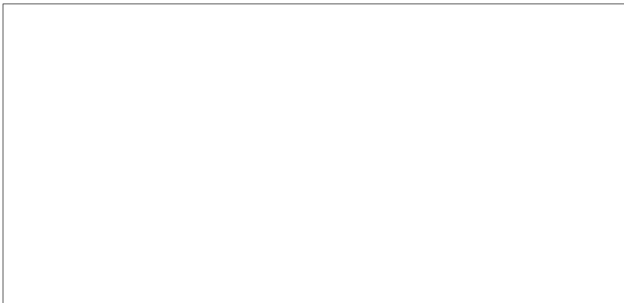
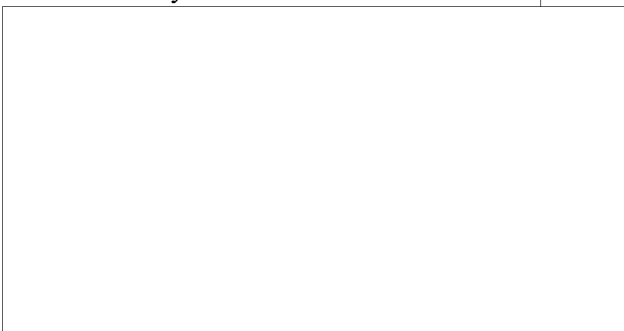
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Part 1. Ongoing Campaigns: Highlights and Prospects

Continuing Push Against SDI

The Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) continues to be the target of a worldwide Soviet campaign. In recent months, Soviet-backed conferences attacking SDI have been held in a number of countries, including Australia, Laos, Ghana, Finland, Bangladesh, and India. There is no sign that this effort will diminish in the near future as [redacted] the Soviets and their allies are seeking to use many events associated with the International Year of Peace as anti-SDI forums, and are trying to co-opt a French scientific institute into sponsoring an international conference in April as a means of securing a propaganda platform on SDI. [redacted]

Moscow's East European and Communist Party allies are still heavily involved in the anti-SDI effort. [redacted]



Manipulating the International Year of Peace

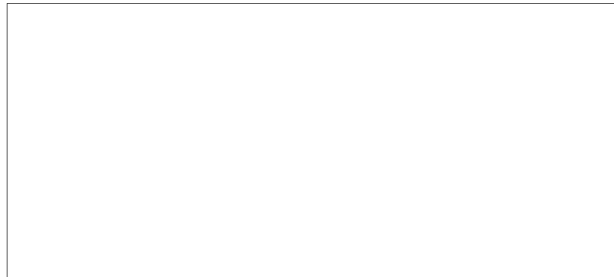
Through well-placed Soviets in the UN Secretariat, Moscow has control of the calendar, preparations, and implementation of worldwide activities in support of the UN-designated International Year of Peace (IYP). Soviet UN Under Secretary General Ustinov is responsible for IYP. [redacted]



[redacted] Our analysis of the calendar of IYP events indicates that about one-fifth are being hosted by Bloc countries or Soviet-controlled front organizations. [redacted]

[redacted] Soviets and their allies will make strong efforts to influence almost all of the remaining events in directions adverse to US interests. [redacted]

The centerpiece of Soviet efforts will be the World Congress for the UN International Year of Peace to be held in Copenhagen in October: the Danish preparatory committee—a front of the Soviet-controlled World Peace Council (WPC)—has invited UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar to address the gathering. We expect that, with the WPC controlling the agenda and Soviet front organizations packing the delegate list, the Congress will strongly back Soviet "peace" proposals. [redacted]



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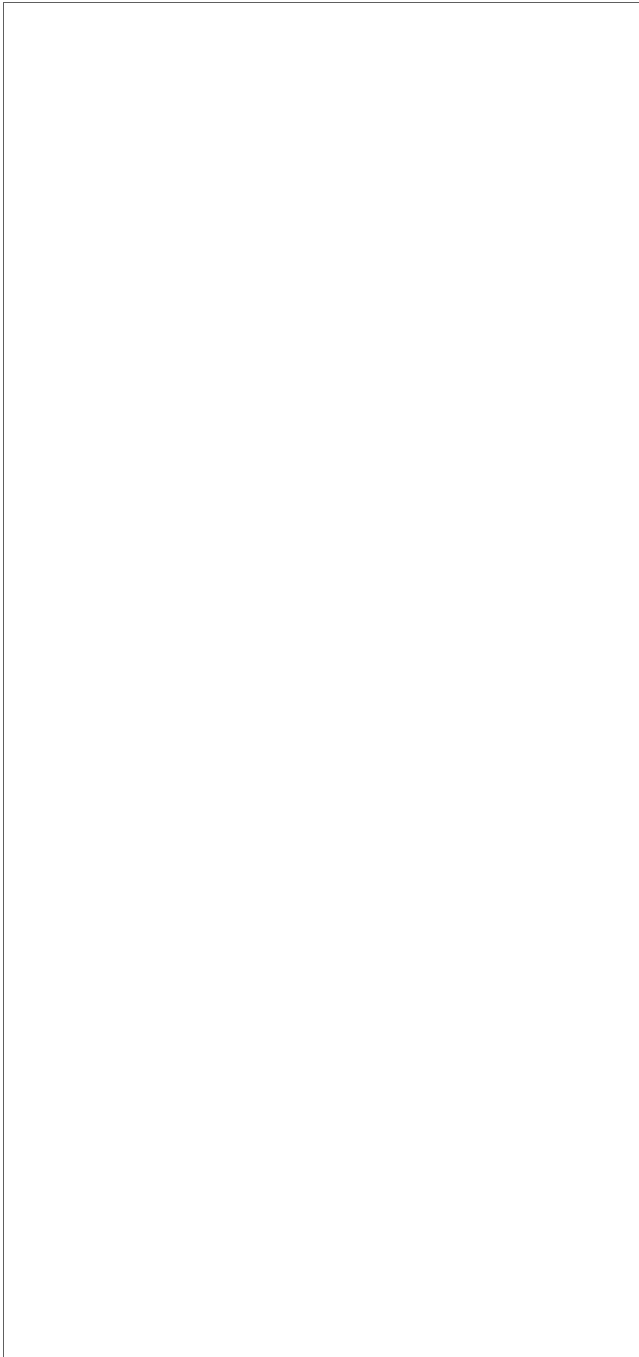



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Several recent articles in the official Sandinista newspaper *Barricada* have attempted to link the Vatican with both the CIA and the political right. We expect this campaign to continue for at least the next several months as the regime seeks to discredit the church's voice on the domestic and international political scenes. 

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Nicaraguan Disinformation About the Catholic Church

The Sandinista media over the past few months have stepped up their disinformation campaign against the international and Nicaraguan Catholic churches.

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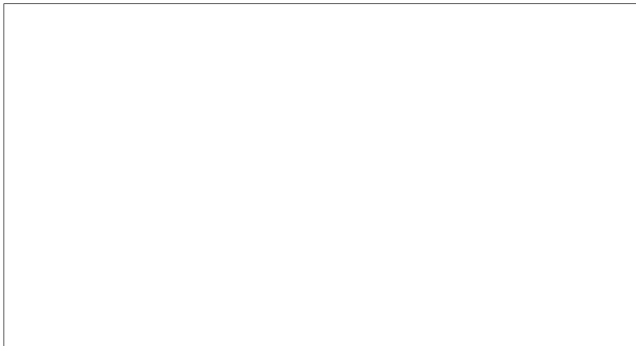
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Arms Reduction in the Pacific

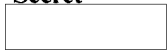
Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze during his recent visit to Japan indicated that the Soviets might be willing to reduce the number of SS-20s in Asia in exchange for reductions in US F-16s in Japan and Tomahawk missiles in the US Pacific Fleet. Moscow is likely to play up this possibility for Asian audiences to capitalize on strong antinuclear sentiment in Japan and the South Pacific. 

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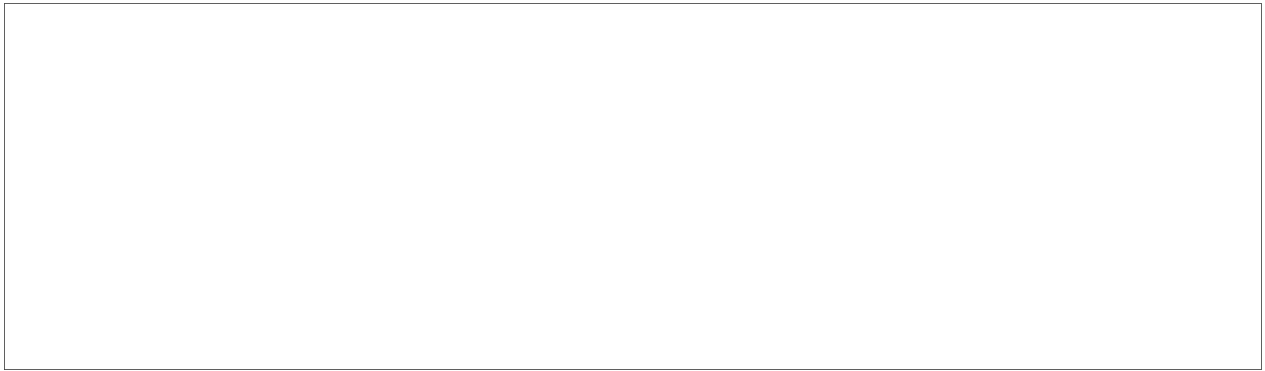
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Part 3. Calendar of Key Events: 1986

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Spanish referendum on NATO. As the referendum approaches, the Soviets—hoping to derail continued Spanish membership in NATO—probably will intensify efforts to place anti-US and anti-NATO material in the Spanish media. [Redacted]

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4-6 May

Economic summit, Tokyo. The Soviets are likely to use active measures to heighten existing tensions over trade issues among the seven Western industrial democracies attending the summit in an effort to create serious political differences between them and to enhance the opportunities for increased Soviet trade with Japan, and perhaps Europe. [Redacted]

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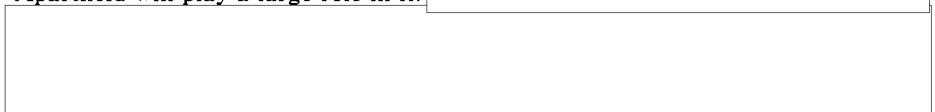
International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War Conference, Cologne. New Zealand Prime Minister Lange has agreed to deliver the keynote address, and Moscow is likely to exploit his appearance as a means of intensifying its efforts to create a nuclear-weapons-free zone in the Pacific region. [Redacted]

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June

International Conference on Sanctions Against South Africa, Washington, D.C. The Soviet Union almost certainly will try to intensify criticism of US South African policy. The UN General Assembly's Special Committee Against Apartheid (SCAA) is sponsoring the event and the UN Secretariat's Center Against Apartheid will play a large role in it. [Redacted]

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July

UN Conference on Disarmament and Development, Paris. Through its influence in the UNESCO secretariat, which the Soviets have been using to push UNESCO into disarmament research, Moscow will attempt to exploit the conference—which is French President Mitterrand's pet project linking Third World development and debt problems to arms spending—to gain support for Gorbachev's new arms control initiative. [Redacted]

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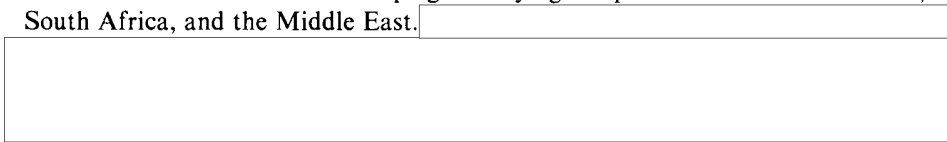


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August

Nonaligned Movement (NAM) summit, Harare, Zimbabwe. The Soviets are likely to manipulate NAM delegations to adopt resolutions compatible with Soviet foreign policy objectives in the Third World. Previous summits have been the occasion for active measures campaigns vilifying US policies in Central America, South Africa, and the Middle East.

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September

11th World Trade Union Congress, Berlin. This quadrennial meeting of the World Federation of Trade Unions—a Soviet front—will likely emphasize a variety of Soviet propaganda initiatives on such issues as disarmament, the international debt crisis, and unemployment.

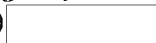
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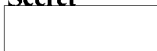
15-19 October

World Congress for the UN International Year of Peace, Copenhagen. (See text for details.)

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