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THE WORLD

NUCLEAR FREEZE

1961 was an exciting year for disarmament. J.F.K. was preparing for his first Summit meeting and every one was feverishly working on some kind of formula that would lead the world away from the brink. Like most idealists, I also went to work on the subject of disarmament, planning my M.A. (and later my Ph.D.) thesis on it. But being also a realist, with a good dosage of war time experience, I decided to try for a formula that would be acceptable to most reasonable people. A formula that would provide protection from a nuclear holocaust without raising the anxiety, and objections, of less trustful souls. Therefore, instead of complete disarmament I proposed a nuclear freeze and I called it "interlock". The idea was to freeze all nuclear weapons production and to interlock existing weapons in such a manner that it would be suicidal for any country to use them. My proposal was first mailed out to opinion leaders such as Adlai Stevenson at the U.N. and Sorenson, J.F.K. speech writer, at the White House. On Nov. 28, 1963 an outline of the proposal was published in the International Edition of the New York Times, and in 1971 it was published in TOMORROW OUTLINE JOURNAL under the title "Planning the World Community". Unfortunately there was little support from the liberal elements, most of whom were holding out for complete disarmament and, or, World Government. We ended up with a joke called SALT. It is not too late now but it will be much more difficult to achieve agreement. Russia has caught up with us and many other countries have nuclear potentials, but it is worth a try. Nevertheless, the Freeze Movement must still come to grips with the old argument of "control". As in years past my idealistic, liberal colleagues tend to come up with great ideas but few practical proposals on how to implement them. The Freeze Movement has great potential, it certainly has come a long way from the chimerical "Total and Complete Disarmament NOW". But the freeze movement will waste its energies if it does not also provide acceptable alternatives for the problems, aspirations and fears of the many people and countries that make up our world. After all wars, any war, are not an end in themselves but the means to an end. Perhaps it is time for me to pull "Interlock" down from the shelves and update it as an idea whose time has come.

U.S.A.

REAGANOMICS

ATTENTION, this is a scenario and only a scenario, any resemblance to existing facts, personalities or person is purely DELIBERATE. Reagan's supporters don't want to put their money where their mouth is. This is the first administration in many a decades that manages to make the stock market plunge every time one of their officials opens their mouth. Is it lack of confidence in the idol they have elected? You bet it is. But it is more than that. Since Reagan was elected I have watched the stock market timidly trying to rise a bit just to plunge right back again after listening to the wisdom of some White House mouthpiece. I wondered for awhile how could anyone be so stupid but I soon realized there was more to it than stupidity as a pattern began to emerge. Over the past couple of years mergers among the leading corporations have multiplied at an alarming rate as weaker firms are being gobbled up by the stronger ones. It is actually a war at the top between the Giants and the Titans. At the lower level of the economy the mergers are few, bankruptcy is more the order of the day. It is a clear survival of the fittest situation. A war that, given the range of control of these Titans, is bound to spread to the international arena as soon as they have digested their American loot and consolidated their positions at home. And once the international fight is over, if every thing goes according to plans, there will emerge an Oligarchy of Corporate leaders ready to rule the world. And Communism? For the moment that is only a diversion. Something to keep the militaries at bay, and in

training, for things to come. The Military-Industrial complex alliance is bound to be temporary. Both aspire to complete control but for different reasons. The military wants fortress America as number one in the world. Power and glory is their goal and Communism is their challenge and enemy at the present time. Only POWER and DOMINANCE have meaning in the corporate world. A power they don't intend to share with a trigger happy, glory bound military. Once the corporate Titans have consolidated their power in the capitalistic world they will, if necessary, unleash the militaries to subdue the Third World and other sources of raw material and markets. For this purpose they are in full agreement with the scenario of the militaries of the need for an Orwellian type society and superior military strength. Should they encounter resistance from the communist block they will, of course, take appropriate actions, but their first priority will be to do business with the communist world. After all they are not engaged in an ideological struggle, ideology has nothing to do with it, only market control matters as they have no objections to governments that control their labor force, only with those that interfere with their market expansion, power and profit. Eventually they may even form some type of world government.

FOREIGN POLICY

In analyzing Mr. Reagan's policy toward Cuba the respected British magazine THE ECONOMIST called it one of "pointless jabs". This pretty well applies to all of Mr. Reagan's foreign policy. Pointless jabs usually come from petty little people with petty little minds.

THE MIDDLE EAST

ISRAEL WHAT ARE YOU?

As I understand it the story goes as follows: God chose the Jews as his unique people, pledging that they would be indestructible and would live in peace and prosperity in their own land, Eretz Israel. Eretz Israel stretches from "the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates". The land was given as a reward and a blessing. Israel is more than a nation and the Jewish people are not like ordinary mortals who exist, evolve, and die out like the Finns, the Turks or the Canaanites. "Though I put an end to all the nations among whom thou art scattered, I will never put an end to thee." Israel is indestructible, it is unique, it is holy, it is the Chosen of the Lord. A kingdom of Priests and a holy nation. They are a unique people given uniquely a particular land. The rights of the Jewish people to the land is not based on human favors or historical residence, it is a TITLE granted by the BUILDER and OWNER. And it was not taken from one nation so that the others may share it with the Jews. There can be no other that can freely live there or share sovereignty and ownership. The previous inhabitants of the land refuse to recognize this fact but God said: "And you should drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, if you do this - it shall be good, if not - the waters shall come and inundate you. . . When you shall eliminate the inhabitants of the land, then you shall be privileged to inherit the land and pass it down to your children. But if you do not ELIMINATE them, even though you will conquer the land you will not be privileged to hand it down to your children. . ." The land of Israel is not one more Asian nation, It is God's land, risen high, - at last to put an end to the humiliation of HIS house. (The house of Israel). "I do this not for your sake, O House of Israel, but rather for My holy name which you desecrated through the nations whither you came. And I will sanctify My great name that was desecrated amongst the nations. . . AND THE NATIONS SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD WHEN I SHALL BE SANCTIFIED THROUGH YOU BEFORE THEIR EYES". The state of Israel is not a political creation it is a religious one. No power could have prevented its birth and no one can destroy it. It is the BEGINNING OF GOD'S WRATH, vengeance against the nations who ignored, disdained and humiliated Him, who found him irrelevant, who "knew him not" But it is

only the BEGINNING Approved For Release 2004/10/28 : CIA-RDP88-01314R000300120013-6 and when, depends on the Jews. The world? The nations? - united or otherwise? What do they matter before the omnipotence of the Almighty. "He that sitted in the heaven shall laugh, and the Lord shall mock them" The Jewish people and state cannot be destroyed. Their weapon is THEIR God. "And then David removed Goliath's head from his shoulders and removed humiliation from Israel (God). Let us remove the Arabs from Israel and bring redemption.

(All of the above was taken from the book THEY MUST GO by Rabbi Meir Kahene.)

And what will become of the rest of us poor infidels? There is no redemption for us in the Torah. No coexistence is allowed because coexistence will "turn friends into lovers and Jewish women will find coexistence with Arab men in bedroom retreats . . ." this will pollute the Jewish race and destroy its uniqueness. Jews must purify themselves from the many centuries spent in the aliens lands. They must become uniquely and solely Jewish once again. There is no malice or intended evil in Kahene's book, only a reflection of his faith. A faith that is shared by thousand of others whose present faith in Israel's indestructibility is not quite so strong and prefer a little more prudence in asserting their mission in life. "No one can tell a Jew where he can or cannot go or do . . . and let us stop talking about poor little Israel, Israel cannot be beaten". This is Begin talking not Kahene. What they want now is that friends and foes alike should tremble at the thought of unleashing the wrath of mighty Israel (God). Since I have not been blessed with being Jewish and I am not privy to the dictum of the Torah I accept their position and on that basis I feel free to judge their actions as I do the actions of any other Country, including my own. I also happen to believe that in the process of understanding and interpreting the will of the Creator, humans, including Jews, (they are human until proven otherwise) tend to invest the Creator with the human value system and its frailties, such as vanity, (worship my name) and vengeance. If, as the Christians believe, God said "vengeance is mine" he did so not because he wished vengeance but because human imperfections do not allow us to use power wisely. An Entity so supreme, so powerful, so omnipotent as the Creator, does not play childish little games, or riddles, nor does he need favorites, or adoration, or partners in vengeance. He can WILL compliance, he can WILL knowledge and we would all know Him. Books like the Torah and the Bible are born of human despair, searching for hope through an all powerful father that will come to our aid, just as our fathers came to our aid when we were children. Nevertheless, just as I believe there IS a higher force and intelligence in the universe, the Jews have a right to believe their Torah and other people have a right to their beliefs. Israel must forgive me however if I will keep a wary eye on its action since its intentions as to MY future as a non-chosen inhabitant of our common planet is not quite clear to me. I also believe that the U.S. should stop patronizing Israel. Israel speaks of Allies, we speak of Friendship. Alliances are based on mutual interests, friendship on affection. Like a mother hen we won't let go of the child, allowing it to make its own decisions and take the full consequences for its actions. We agonize over the punishment, but as an ally, Israel sees this agonizing as *posturing*. Otherwise we would have long ago done what is usually done in international affairs, i.e., removed ourselves from a situation that is compromising our national interest. And until we do so, Israel, the Arabs and the world will continue to interpret our actions as implied consent. "Mr. President, let Israel go . . . they have a father and a protector, THEIR God". Mr. Begin made it quite clear that he is tired of our charade. They wish to make their own place in the world and they have a right to do so. So either we support them or we don't as our national interest dictates. Incidentally, We, the people, would also like to know, unequivocally, what our national interest is in this matter.

ASIA

CHINA AND RUSSIA: A contrast in personalities

Last March I visited China for the third time in two years and this time, as in previous times, I was pleasantly surprised to see how the Chinese government, and its people, are managing to introduce many progressive ideas from the West without the unpleasant side effects that often accompany them. The Chinese people are still friendly, smiling, curious, polite and genuinely interested in learning all about us. They are very relaxed and hospitable people. They are a gracious people with an inherent dignity and elegance that even the drab green uniform cannot conceal. The Foreign Editor of the People's Daily, whom I met on previous trips, spent the entire day with us. He escorted us to the conference at the Foreign Ministry, a visit to the T.V. station and the People's Daily, sightseeing, or just sitting around the lobby of the Peking hotel drinking beer and talking about this and that, just like old friends happy to see each other again. It is difficult to dislike China and the Chinese.

Arriving in Russia from China was a chilly experience. Everywhere, from Leningrad to Moscow, we were presented with the evidences of the efforts the Russians have exerted to prove their equality, and gain the acceptance of a Western world which, for centuries, looked upon Russia as a culturally and technologically backward non-entity. From the palaces of Leningrad, so carefully designed to rival 17th and 18th century France, to the futuristic Cosmos hotel, with its gigantic sculpture of a rocket taking off into space, making sure that visitors do not forget Sputnik. And the people? Well I saw little difference there from most large U.S. cities. Everyone is hurrying along, paying little attention to any thing except achieving their objective. No time here to stop and chat, or smile at strangers, or to be friendly. In the street the

the hotel the help wanted panty hose, and people claiming to be Eastern European wanted us to buy them American cigarettes. I was astonished at this. It reminded me of post-war occupation areas. How could something like this happen in such a closely controlled society where exposure to Americans was minimal? Our seminar with Russian representatives of various fields was also illuminating. No little chat over a glass of beer would ever develop from them. But they were very efficient and very direct in their answers. In answer to one of my statement they admitted that strict adherence to Marxists theories presented a problem to progress in various areas and such problems were being debated. Regarding Russian's role as the motherland of communism which, I told them, made the West fearful of communist encirclement, they candidly stated that they were also fearful of capitalistic encirclement, but admitted to changes in both systems which might result in a common future. This of course is quite in tune with Marxist theory which states that the new (progress) emerges from the struggle between two opposites. As we departed Russia it became clear to me why so many Americans do not like the Russians. The Russians are ambitious, aggressive, competitive and combative, just like us, except that they are on the other team. Those traits so highly valued in our society as the basis for success, are not so likeable when observed in someone we consider a potential menace. In perspective, we really don't like, or trust ourselves very much. This is interesting because this is how the Third World perceives us, as a potential menace, just as we see the Russians as a menace. I say Russians instead of communism or Russian government because the strongest protest I heard from them was our tendency to disparage the Russian People instead of restricting ourselves to criticizing their government, consequently, no matter what form of government they might have they will still feel threatened by us because we do not like THE RUSSIANS, not just disagree with their government . . .

THAILAND'S OPIUM WAR

In my last newsletter I mentioned certain factors regarding the drug traffic and its connection with gun runners. Last fall I went to the Golden Triangle and interviewed various people, including members of the local Press who corroborated by contentions. But I also managed to uncover some significant facts that will help understand the situation. The first thing I observed was a prevalent concern on the part of the people I interviewed that I would "write something bad about Thailand". There was so much defensiveness it approached fear. I soon discovered the answer to this behavior. Although the Thai government denies that it is under pressure from the U.S. to solve the opium problem an interview with Richard Hart, the top U.S. anti-drug officer in Bangkok, conducted by Sithichai Yoon, a reporter for THE NATION, reveals quite a different story. According to Mr. Yoon, Mr. Hart made the following statements: "We have been promised 10 poppy-free villages for three years. How much longer do we have to wait?" When told that it was a difficult and complicated situation he replied: "I don't know, you banned opium 22 years ago. WOULD YOU THE PEOPLE CONSIDER 22 years a long time or not?" (Actually the smoking of opium was first banned in 1839. It was the first Royal Edict ever issued by a printing press). Mr. Hart must certainly be familiar with the geography, demography and conditions of Northern Thailand, if he is not he should be, therefore, it is a bit difficult to understand his disdainful statement. We have had a war on drugs in the U.S. for much longer than 22 years and we haven't even made a dent. Now let us look at the area around the Golden Triangle. Geographically it is a continuation of the Tibetan Highland. Directly North and North-East of the Triangle is the Yunnan Plateau, the Tausuch mountains and the Szechwan (4 rivers) Basin which are now part of China. North-West is the Shan Plateau, which is part of Burma. The area is traversed by many navigable rivers including the Mekong, which passes close to Chiang Rai then turns toward Laos and the Salween river which turns West into the Shan Plateau and Burma. This general area has been the origin of many ethnic tribes composed of fiercely independent, and primitive people who do not take kindly to strangers infringing on their turf. It could almost be called a primordial area for the countries to the South of it because from these areas came many of the original races that now make up Thailand, Laos, Viet-Nam and North-East Burma. They are generally considered Sino-Tibetan and break down into several ethno-linguistic groups. As both China and Burma can attest these people do not submit peacefully and meekly. Burma's constant fighting with the tribes in the Shan Plateau and China's development of the most favorable areas pushed many of the more fierce tribes into remote valleys or higher elevations. This dislocation also brought privation and malnutrition due to lack of appropriate resources for tribal sources of food. In the Golden Triangle they soon discovered that the colorful poppies could quell the pains of hunger and bring instant happiness. They also discovered that opium grows easily and can be stored for long period of time, and, most of all, with increased contact with the outside world brought on by wars, such as Viet-Nam, they also discovered that it made the best cash crop all around. It became, therefore, the basis of their economy, as well as their social and spiritual life. But the major factor today is demand. Opium buys guns as well as the daily bread. *Khun Sa*, who is believed to control 75% of the heroin traffic in the area and who is the head of the *Shan Army*, built a modern town for his people not far from Chiang Rai. It has hospitals, schools and modern facilities and is contrasting sharply with the misery of the villages not far from it. Our C.I.A. did a pretty good job of controlling guns during the Viet-Nam war in their efforts to win the support of the Hmong and

Other Hill Tribes people. Approved For Release 2004/10/28 : CIA-RDP88-01314R000300120013-6
 Nationalist Chinese army, the Kuomintang, also once supported by us to fight mainland China then abandoned to fend for themselves, which they did with opium traffic. They are the ones, it is believed, who actually introduced the refining process to the area. Then there is the Lahu National Liberation Front (of Tibeto-Burman stock). Both Thailand and Burma must also contend with their own communist insurgents, in fact, both Burma and Thailand have such a large number of troupes committed to the anti-communist struggle that they have little manpower left for the opium war. Thailand has the majority of its forces along the Eastern borders facing 200,000 Vietnamese soldiers in Cambodia and Laos, furthermore Thailand has problems with the separatist movement in the South on the borders with Malaysia. Nevertheless, Thailand recently declared the Triangle area free of chemicals for heroin processing and the King is making progress with some of his alternative cash crop experimental farms and opium-free villages among the less isolated tribes, particularly the Miao. But to expect poppy-free villages everywhere in presently existing conditions is ridiculous. If we cannot convince our own, well educated, society that drugs are harmful to their health how can we expect the Thai authorities to convince these constantly hungry and primitive people suspicious of strangers and fiercely independent? Right now I would suggest that Mr. Hart get out of his Bangkok office and take an indepth tour of the area. Not by helicopter, but by mule and canoe through the jungle. And I would suggest a stop about midway between Thatorn and Chiang Rai at a particular Lahu (Muser) village on the banks of the river Kok, to look at the watery eyes and distended bellies of the children, and the desolate land and tell me what he would grow there. There is no school, no infirmary, absolutely nothing but a few chickens, pigs and corn. A sight that still haunts me. "They are nude because they have nothing to wear not because they want to" our guide told us, and a recent letter from her blessing me for the box of clothes and medicine I sent, which she distributed to some very surprised and happy people, told me that she was right. It is their plights that concerns me, just as much, if no more than a drug addict in New York or Beverly Hills, because they have so few choices available to them. Stopping the heroin traffic Mr. Hart, begins right here in the U.S.A. with undisciplined children and decadent adults and with corrupt and greedy officials everywhere. Furthermore, interviews with high level people in Bangkok brought out the question as to why the U.S. refuses to buy up the poppies and THEN burn them. Much of the poppies are raised for legitimate medicinal and commercial use. Why don't we buy up the surplus, we subsidize our own farmers that way. This would give Thailand time to industrialize and develop the area and integrate the tribes into the community. Why Don't WE?

THAILAND YOUNG TURKS

In Thailand, as in other parts of the third world developing countries, a new breed of leadership is coming into power. People with ideas suited to the particular needs of their countries rather than dogmas and isms. Two such leaders are the brothers Sundaravej, Sumak and Sumit. The founders of one of the fastest growing party in Thailand, the Thai Citizen Party. Both have been elected to Parliament and have held responsible Ministries positions. While Sumit concentrates on ASEAN relations and the development of an ASEAN Parliament and permanent ASEAN Secretariat, Sumik is concentrating his efforts toward economic reforms. In an exclusive interview I was told that Thailand's primary economic problem is a re-distribution of income from the urban to the rural sector. He envisions the development of self-sufficient agricultural entities with the necessary technology and facilities to process their product for direct marketing thus eliminating the middle man which now takes up most of the income. Such entities would also increase diversification and the utilization of by-products thus curtailing, or eliminating, imports of various commodities. This would allow the predominantly agricultural population of Thailand to develop a decent standard of living without having to migrate to the cities. Sumak would also like to streamline the presently cumbersome government process. He points out that the success of Singapore is due primarily to the simplicity of its governmental structure. (Singapore, incidentally, just eliminated the only representative of an opposition party as non-productive). Sumik further points out that at the rate the Thai Citizens Party is growing they will be ruling Thailand in six years. Sumak is 47 years old and Sumit is even younger.

BURMA

Stepping into Burma from Bangkok is quite an experience. The colonists have gone but nothing else has changed. It is a place frozen in time. In such a situation it is difficult to assess the conditions. The people are friendly, well educated and appear happy. Life is simple, serene, there is no pollution and the streets are clean. Practicing Buddhist economics means keeping the country out of the world economic mainstream and allowing it to develop at its own pace on the basis of its own culture. The Government is downright oppressive in its effort of keeping out foreign influence. There is complete isolation, like a newly discovered South Sea island. It is an experiment that cannot be judged in terms of decades but in terms of centuries. Qualitatively one would have to say life is better in Burma if we speak in terms of environment. Bangkok's noise and smog pollution has become unbearable contrasting sharply with Rangoon but, there again one may argue as to what they prefer to give up. Personally I made a friend in Burma, with whom I am corresponding and who loves blue jeans. Through this newly found, and cherished, friend I am learning to understand Burma.

Zonta International (a service organization composed of executive women) in cooperation with UNICEF is planning to build 4,000 shallow water wells to provide clean drinking water for 25,000 families in the Mahaweli Development area. As a member of Zonta, I, personally, bought the necessary pump for one well and I cannot tell you what a pleasure it is to be able to be directly involved in a project of this kind instead of just sending money, much of which is being absorbed by overhead in some bureaucrat organizational structure.

Over the years Zonta has built Anne Frank Village for non-emigrable families in West Germany; a women's vocational school and teacher-training program in Ramallah; a Pan-African training and research centre for women for the recruiting and financing of the African Women's Volunteer Task Force to serve the needs of women in rural areas, and it just completed the Columbia urban slum project for the construction and equipment of health and education centers. For additional information on Zonta write to me.

VIET NAM

A recent visitor to Los Angeles was Ng Uyen Ngoc Tran, Vice Chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology in Hanoi. About ten people had the pleasure of discussing Viet Nam with him over an informal lunch. There is no doubt that Viet Nam wishes to have friendly relations with the U.S. Mr. Tran urged us to exert whatever influence we had to bring this about. He frankly answered all questions admitting the existence of serious economic problems. He pointed out however that Viet Nam was emerging from 30 years of foreign destruction in the form of wars and exploitation and an even longer period of colonialism. Regarding Cambodia he reminded us that neither the U.N. nor any other nation lifted a finger to stop Pol Pot from slaughtering millions of people but that Viet Nam would gladly leave Cambodia if assurance were given that Pol Pot's troops would not regain control. Viet Nam, he stated, could not withdraw while the ASEAN countries, who were allied with the U.S. during the Viet Nam war, continue to support Pol Pot's people. He also stated that Viet Nam would have no objection to the return of Prince Sihanouk, the former King of Cambodia.

Recently a coalition was finally formed between anti Viet Nam fighters. The coalition consists of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front headed by former Cambodian Premier Son Sann, The Khmer Rouge, the Pol Pot troops now headed by Khieu Samphan, and Sihanouk, Chief of the Moulinaka group. Sihanouk was named President. Each faction has a representative on the various committees through which the coalition will govern. Referring to earlier statements he had made that the Khmer Rouge were assassins, Sihanouk simply stated that "As Khmers we prefer to be eaten by Khmers because we are nationalists, instead of being eaten by the Vietnamese". It is well known, however, that Sihanouk had no choice on the matter since the ASEAN nations, the U.S. the U.N. and other nations of the world have insisted on retaining recognition of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge as the legitimate government of Viet Nam since it was the government overthrown by Viet Nam. The irrelevance of this logic is beyond my understanding however, the Khmer Rouge do have the strongest military force in the area. Viet Nam also just offered a withdrawal proposal. Viet Nam last month withdrew a significant number of troops and would withdraw the remainder if Thailand would agree to stop allowing supply to reach the Khmer Rouge through Thai territory. In conjunction with Laos and the present government of Kampuchea they also proposed a "safety zone" along the Thai-Cambodian border and an international conference to establish peace in South East Asia.

ASEAN

ASEAN is one of the world fastest growing economic areas with a growth rate of 4-8% in 1981 with Hong Kong and Singapore actually reaching 10%. The sales overseas during 1981-82 have been 8-15% higher than in previous years. Richard King, of Richard King International, predicts that "Asia, with 60% of the world population, will continue to set the pace for economic growth during the 80's with South East Asia and Japan leading the way. The Asian economies are expected to grow at an annual rate of 6 to 7% for the rest of the decade..." (World Trade Bulletin, August, 1982)

AFRICA

SENEGAL

The Zonta Club of Dakar has sponsored a project to help rural women and check the exodus from rural to urban areas. The project will create sources of income by diversifying production possibilities and creating new, small scale production possibilities. They also plan to promote activities that will permit women to participate in development projects.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON DAR al MAAL

Dar al Maal al Islami (The House of Islamic Funds), better known as the Islamic Bank, has moved into Africa with considerable success. Islamic Banks never give or take interest, nor do they invest in things such as alcohol, pork products or ARMAMENTS. It operates in conformity with Islamic principals and this makes it popular in Islamic nations, while its armament policy makes it popular among many nations in the third world. In West Africa Dar al Maal started with Senegal and Guinea then went on to these areas they are becoming involved in development projects in partnership with

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local investors. Dr. Kamm, the Executive Vice Chairman of DMI, explains that the popularity of the bank is due, considerably, to the fact that they are not in there to take the profit out of the countries like other banks "we want to involve ourselves in the local economic cycle" he said. (African Business, July 82).

ANGOLA

Moscow may be a strange place to have an interview with someone from Angola but I did, over lunch, at the Cosmos hotel. Rui Leite is an athlete from Angola and was most happy to discuss his country. We first spoke through an interpreter but we soon got on quite well with my Spanish and his Portuguese. "Angola", he stated, "will never have peace until Namibia is free because South Africa will not allow it. This makes it difficult for us to consolidate our economy. Angola does not export her revolution but the reality of Angola's experiment is an inspiration to other Countries, nevertheless, we do not send military help to other revolutionary Countries. Angola is a rich Country, but a socialist Country. This is why president Reagan, in cooperation with South Africa and with the C.I.A. is trying to destabilize it. We have good relations with all socialist Countries, including Cuba and we will accept their help but we do not receive any help from China. Russia is helping us, both military and economic aid. As long as South Africa continues her incursions, and they will continue because Namibia will continue to demand freedom, we will accept help from anyone that will offer it to us including Cuba. But Angola never rejects commercial ties with any Country as long as they do not interfere in our affairs."

EUROPE

SICILY: The Tales of Two Cities

I arrived in Sicily around the middle of May, only a few weeks after six people had been killed in Catania by rival gangs in a regolamento dei conti (settlement of scores). In Palermo, only a couple of weeks before, Pio La Torre, secretary of the Sicilian region's Communist party was also killed alongside his driver by suspected Mafia hit men. Palermo is the centre of Mafia activity, something that the people of Catania are quick to point out.

In Catania I interviewed several people from various economic levels. As in Thailand, they appeared a bit tired of discussing the drug scene and concerned about public opinion. I began my interview with farm workers and the farm manager. It was pointed out to me that the Mafia did not flourish in that area of Italy because they had well organized, and efficient labor unions who took good care of their needs. Furthermore economic life was easier in the Catania area than in Palermo and local land owners had good relations with the peasants. "And what about Mafia money in construction and banks?" "Local construction" they stated was done with local and government money, any influx of outside money in the local banks would be easily detected and controlled. Everyone knew where everyone's money was coming from, that helped considerably. My other interview was with a member of an old and prominent family in the Catania area. His explanation was more historical but in tune with previous interviews. He pointed out that the Mafia began, and flourished in Palermo because Palermo had always been the seat of some government with all the bureaucracy and military establishment that goes with it. Peasants in the surrounding areas were over taxed and exploited and given nothing in return. They had no infrastructure or justice system so they developed their own. It started out as a response to a need and it was good but soon the protectors became the oppressors as they developed their own bureaucracy and thirsted for power. A power struggle developed between Palermo and the surrounding areas and the killing began. Before, the killings were vendettas for abuses done on the peasants and local women. Like all bureaucratic entities the Mafia went on to do what it had to do to stay in power and survive as an entity, but without the seat of government close by with corrupted officials and money hungry politicians it would have disappeared long ago. It did not develop in Catania because there was nothing to justify its coming into existence. It was, and is, a matter of demand for services that gave the Mafia its base and a corrupt, oppressive bureaucracy that keeps in power. Another interview with a middle class professional yielded a very simple and direct answer: "Drug traffic was never a major problem in Sicily, if there is one now is because you, Americans, want it there. . ." He would not elaborate.

There is an interesting link between the situation in Sicily and the one in the Golden Triangle. In both cases it would appear that at a certain point there emerges in any area a need for organization to meet the needs of the community with some kind of an economic base. Once such an organizational base is developed, where no one previously existed, it becomes a natural and organic part of the area and it will be difficult to eradicate and be replaced by a non-familial system. People cannot so easily be re-programmed.

ROME

I was in Rome when President Reagan arrived and it looked like the 1960s. Literally hundreds of thousands of people, members of an international multitude of groups and organizations, marched on the American Embassy protesting nuclear war and everything imaginable. I was surprised to see that Lotta Continua was still in existence. Lotta Continua made quite a name for itself in the 1960s as an ultra radical, primarily students, organization. In the U.S. such groups tend to die out and be re-born as new arises, or change names. This continuity in a country with established, and accepted, institutions is a sign of a strong

Our correspondent in Germany, Diana Tonello, sent an alarming report about the situation of the guest workers in Germany. Briefly summarized the situation is as follows: Unemployment is very high in Germany and workers resent the foreigners whom they blame for taking their jobs. Many Turkish people are in Germany illegally. They also collect the benefits from the German government for such things as Kindergeld (children money). Turkish workers have large families and cases of abuse also made the headlines where money was collected for children not residing in Germany, or non-existent. The Turks are also accused of getting involved in German politics. They have applied for the right to vote, they have purchased property, have evicted German tenants and the Court upheld their right to do so. The story made the headlines and caused an uproar. But while the anger started because of the Turks, local extremists are using it as an excuse to terrorize all Southern Europeans. Recently a young German went on a shooting spree yelling "are you German?" and shooting everyone who was not. He shot a black man, a Korean woman, a Turkish waiter and some Arabian standing on a corner. The police found Nazi paraphernalia and U.S. KKK letters in his apartment.

West Germany stopped recruiting foreigners from outside the EEC countries in 1973 but the influx of dependents and the high birth rate have increased their numbers by 650,000 in three years. Total number now stands at 7% of the population. Germany is now restricting the entry of dependents. The Turks total 1.5 million and they are the main target. Germany needs the "gastarbeiter", even in a recession, since the car and coal industry and many public services would be in trouble without them.

MEXICO

The Regan administration fears that the domino theory from Central America will reach Mexico. Mexico scoffs at those fears but the fact is that Mexico is assisting Guatemala with anti-guerrilla border vigilance. However, closing the borders will not help Mexico because a problem already exists and it is home spun. In Chapias, Mexico's southernmost state, old problems are coming to a confrontation stage. Chapias is Mexico's largest oil and gas producer but the industrial infrastructure fueled by these resources is situated mostly in the wealthier states of Tabasco and Veracruz. Chapias hydroelectric dams and hydro-carbon deposits supply more than 60% of Mexico's electricity but only 36% of Chapias homes have electrical outlets as compared to 73% nationwide. Two thirds of the state's families live in homes with dirt floors, in contrast with 29% in Mexico overall. Illiteracy is 29% compared to 15% nationwide. Chapias depend largely on coffee production as a main source of employment and 40,000 acres of the best coffee land is controlled by a group of less than a dozen families, most of them descendants from 19th century European immigrants. Obviously the Mexican revolution stopped short of Chapias leaving the Mayan peasants with empty promises and considerable resentment. Chapias, it appears, is Mexico colonial territory. The Mexican government has also displayed little of the flexibility it reserves for Central America when it comes to Chapais. Police forcibly disperses protesters, jails and assassinates peasant leaders and is violently harassing the Church. Over the past two years, scores of unarmed campesino squatters have been killed in confrontations following community takeover of fallow lands. On Feb. 17 a group of about 20 masked men ransacked the headquarters of the Marists Brothers and beat up the friars. A month later a parish priest was beaten to death. The Government further displayed the back of its hand to the Chapias by installing the region's former military commander, and a member of Chapias largest land owning family, as the next governor. (Latin America Press, July, 1982).

NEWS AND VIEWS

STOCKHOLM Statistics released by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute revealed that the USSR has overtaken the U.S.A. in arms sales accounting for 36.5% of world sales and compared to U.S. 33%. Combined, these paragons of peace, account for 70.1% of world arms sales. **FROM TA KUNG PAO:** A 3,200 year old blonde corpse was found in Lop Nur, Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region of China. **WORKERS'** congresses have been set up in 95% of all Chinese enterprises. The system enables the rank and file to participate in management. **AVERAGE** income of Chinese workers is up 68%, living expense up 46%. **CHINA RECONSTRUCTS** states that in 1981 there were 58 T.V. sets per 100 families as compared with 20 sets in 1970. Also 1981, 70 sewing machines, up 32%; 241 wrist watches, up 27.4% Urban bank savings 35.4 billion yuan as compared to 26.3 billion in 1979. Total national income up 3%; industrial and agricultural gross product value was 749 billion yuan, up 4.5%. Total industrial output value 517.8 billion yuan. Up from 1981 were production of chemical fertilizers, electric power, cement, steel ships, all agricultural products and domestic products and housing. Tractors were down as was steel production, crude oil, methane gas and trucks. **TA KUNG PAO** states that China oil reserves are believed to be between 30 and 60 billion tons and 35 oil companies have applied for participation in the first round of bidding for offshore exploration of China's South Yellow sea and the Pearl river mouth basin. **RAIL LINK** A new, 220 Kilometers rail link, has been completed connecting China's main North-South rail trunk to important coal centres in Shanxi province. **CHINA** has also decided to spend more money on telecommunication. The goal is to increase the number of telephones in cities from 2 million to 2.7 million. **SOLAR** energy is being used in Shanghai's First Medical College for the treatment of lung cancer. **CHINA'S STATE COUNCIL** has

reduced the number of its ministries and commissions from 52 to 41 (Reganomics?) and approved for release 2004/10/28 : CIA-RDP88-01314R000300120013-6

scandalous the wearing of T-shirts with English slogans "Kiss Me" displayed on the chest. (Asia Record). Adoption of non socially relevant, or generally considered decadent values by the local population is encouraging strict measures to separate the population from Western tourists and influence.

FROM THE ASIA RECORD comes reports that election officials spurned protesters as the Golkar party swept Jakarta and the nation giving an over-whelming mandate to the Government of Suharto who has held power for the last 16 years. **SABAH** An Australian T.V. documentary claimed that British and Australian mercenaries are training Filipinos Muslem guerrillas in the jungles of Sabah. Sabah denies the accusation but Gerald Stone, executive producer of the program, claims that a senior commander of the Muslem Moro National Front told reporters that they had spent up to two months in camps in Sabah. **Singapore** foreign minister Suppiah Dhanabalan, at a recent conference of ASEAN nations, criticized workers organizations in the West as obstructive. "Masquerading under the guise of saving workers in developing countries from exploitation, their view is either our workers should enjoy two square meals a day or no meals at all." **JAPAN**: In Japan you can now enjoy a REAL dry martini. Sato Food Industry of Japan now has powdered liquor, just add water and you have a fully reconstructed alcoholic drink. Also in Japan, Japanese agronomists are about to produce genetic mutations which would allow plants to fertilize themselves from the air. Research at the Musahi Institute of Technology in Tokyo has developed a vehicle powered by liquid hydrogen. And Japan's long awaited artificial blood is about to hit the market with all its implications. While from the unlikely place of Mitsubishi Mining & Cement comes a bone substitute with the ability to form new bone. In **SRI LANKA** they have designed a new rice processor that could change the world's rice-milling techniques. It is a rice parboiler, drier and huller — all wrapped into one machine. (ASIA 2000).

LATIN AMERICA Twenty years after the meeting that created The Alliance for Progress, no region-wide agrarian reform is evident, in fact, with the help of local governments, large transnational companies are buying up the best tracts of land at the expense of small producers and landless peasants. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is enforcing supply-side economics at great social cost to the majority of the people. Belaunde's free market economics, for example, is strangling Peru and trouble is brewing, not only among the masses but also in the middle class and several national industrialists as well as among members of Belaunde's own party. On March 21st, Peru's national police fired upon a small group of campesino who had been blocking the jungle highway leading into Tarapoto province. They were demanding a just government price for their corn. Seven campesino were killed and 25 wounded. It is interesting to note that in Peru the Government is following the same policy of scorched earth on the fields of coca as the U.S. has been pushing in Thailand. As in Thailand little attention has been paid, not only to the traditional use of coca leaves by the Indians who rely on them for medicinal uses to relieve muscular pains from high altitude heavy work and to relieve hunger pain, but the Government is not willing to help the campesino replace their lost income causing widespread starvation. An estimated 20,000 peasant families in Peru make their living by growing coca for local consumption of chewable leaves. In live form coca is a mild stimulant, and an anesthetic. Indian women use it in childbirth. Destruction of the fields has encouraged illegal production and profit is flowing to corrupt officials and organized crime while the peasants suffer. **BRAZIL** is now the world's sixth largest producer and supplier of armament. (From LATIN AMERICAN PRESS) **NICARAGUA** While struggling to survive, Nicaragua has paid back 36 million U.S. dollar of its debt. Nicaragua inherited \$1.6 billion in debt from the Somoza government. **GUATEMALA** Various human rights organizations have estimated that approximately 3,000 people have been assassinated since the March 23rd coup d'etat. (CENTRAL AMERICAN REPORT) **IRAQ** An estimated 4000 Brazilians are in Iraq where Brazilian firms have contracts totaling \$1.6 billions. (AMERICAS) **BELIZE** The black majority is flowing to the U.S. in search of better opportunities while Guatemala Indians and Salvadorans war refugees are moving into Belize. (INFORMPRESS) By the year 2000, the top 12 cities are expected to be Mexico City, Sau Paulo, Tokyo, New York, Shanghai, Beijing, Rio de Janeiro, Bombay, Calcutta, Jakarta, Seoul, and Los Angeles with a total population of 244.2 million people. Mexico City, Sau Paulo and Rio alone will have a combined population of 75.8 millions. Present day population of the top 12 cities is 74.8 million with New York leading the way followed by London, Rhein-Ruhr, Tokyo, Shanghai, Paris, Buenos Aires, Chicago, Moscow, Calcutta, Los Angeles and Osaka. The U.N. Fund for Population Activities projected a population of 10.5 billion by the year 2110, down from previous estimates. (AMERICAS)

EUROPE Despite rapid industrialization **GREECE** still has Europe's lowest crime rate and the lowest prison population (except Holland). Bank hold-ups are rare and purse snatching rates a space in the newspapers. **ROME** Confindustria, the Italian private sector employers association has informed the Unions that it will no longer honor the "sliding scale" index for wages. This is certain to bring trouble. **THE DUTCH QUALMS** disease is spreading over Europe, The so called "Dutch Qualms" took its name from the Dutch people's reluctance to talk in terms of "power". Assertion of power is politically unpalatable in Holland. The Dutch believe in the politics of accommodation not confrontation. This Dutch way of thinking is being reflected also in Europe's rising semi-pacifism and neutralism (THE ECONOMICIST) With such a value system Mr. Regan's politics must be absolutely revolting. **GUN DEALER WANTED** An advertisement in the March 13 issue of THE ECONOMICIST reads "Distributors, dealers and buyers of firearms (military and sport-

ing). It gives a P.O. Box number, U.S.C., USA. **MOSCOW** reports that industrial production is up 2.7% from last year. Generation of electricity up 3%, oil and gas condensate up 0.4%, gas output up 8%, coal 1%, instruments, automation means and computers up 6%. Enterprises which failed to meet planned assignments are: ready rolled metal, mineral fertilizers, sulphuric acid, cement and other goods. They will have to catch up in the coming half of the year. Number of industrial and office workers employed up 1.2 million, wages averaged 2.7% increase. Collective farmer's labor remuneration up 4.6%. 590,000 new flats were built, not counting individually-owned cottages. USSR population now stands at 270 million. **JENE LA ROCQUE** Director of the Centre for Defense Information in Washington had a telephone interview with the Moscow News on the subject of disarmament. The interview was printed in the August, 1982 issue #32 of Moscow News.

MIDDLE EAST J.D.O. members forced the cancellation of a Press Club conference called by Arab-American activists. J.D.O. gunmen showed up at the Press Club brandishing shotguns and pistols and held their own conference on the war in Lebanon and recruitment for J.D.O. volunteers to train for guerrilla warfare in the San Bernardino area. Also in Los Angeles, and unreported by the local press: an Arab-American volunteer for Rep. Paul McCloskey had her kitchen window shot out by JDL members. A dog was cut in half and placed on the lawn of an Arab-American and an Arab-American fund raiser was broken up by smoke bombs thrown by the JDL. These barely mentioned, or totally unreported, news items are being presented here in response to recent criticism of the Press by Israel and the Jewish community claiming that the Press is biased in favor of the Arabs. Such an accusation is ridiculous. **SUDAN**, UNICEF has approved \$8,550,000 to finance the third part of a water sanitation project. Also in Sudan, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineering is looking into the possibilities of expanding port facilities at Port Sudan. **EGYPT**, WHO has voted to retain its office Egypt despite Arab disapproval due to Egypt's treaty with Israel. **SAUDI ARABIA** is determined to increase agricultural production. At the present time agriculture is the fastest growing sector of the economy. Only one fifth of one percent of Saudi Arabia total land area is currently under cultivation, potential arable land has been estimated at 2%, or five billion hectares. Saudi Arabia has also allocated 35 billion to education. **GULF STATES** The Gulf Cooperative Council will take the first step toward setting up a Gulf Common Market this year. **IRAQ** An Agreement was signed recently between Iraq and New Zealand providing for cooperation for various economic projects. Australia is also looking into bilateral economic ties with Iraq. **IMF** 1982 world economic outlook states that economic growth among the non-oil producing countries of the Middle East has been relatively strong. **U.S.A.** Both export and import trade with Arab countries and with Israel has decreased steadily since 1981. U.S. aid per capita to the Middle East is as follows: Egypt \$55.00, Israel \$627.00, Lebanon \$7.00, Jordan \$29.00, West Bank/Gaza \$5.70. The U.S. Senate Panel added \$125 million to Israel's economic support fund and shifted it from partly loan to all \$910 million as a grant. The Committee also decided to forgive half of the \$1.7 billion in military sales credits requested for Israel by the Administration. This increases the grant portion military sales \$350 million above that in the House Bill. Israel's current debt to the U.S. is about \$8 billion and it is scheduled to repay the U.S. in the amount of \$810 million this year. Sen. Alan Cranston of California, on May 25th introduced a bill which states that Israel should not have to repay more to the U.S. annually that it receives in economic aid. After considerable debate an amended Bill restricting such proviso to only one year was passed by a vote of 9 to 8. Sen. Percy and Mathias called it "an ear shattering proposal that would make the U.S. taxpayer responsible for all outstanding Israeli debt to the U.S. (MIDDLE EAST BUSINESS EXCHANGE)

AFRICA A meeting of African-Arab information Ministers held recently in Tunisia provided an agreement to launch an international Media offensive. **TUNISIA**, the World Bank has approved a \$35.5 million loan to Tunisia to be used for rural road improvements. **MOROCCO** will grant transit rights to U.S. rapid deployment forces. **LIBERIA** Present miserable economic conditions may be improved if anticipated oil boom is actualized. **LIBYA** A British company landed a \$42 million contract from Libya to develop a new iron and steel complex. Italy is having problems collecting the 426 million pounds sterling owed by Libya. **KENYA** is moving back toward self-sufficiency in food production after years of heavy imports. **SENEGAL** Long awaited Free Industrial Zone is approximating reality. **UGANDA** 400 tractors have been supplied to Uganda by Yugoslavia on credit. **NESTLE** is now complying with a code laid down by WHO for the marketing of baby food in developing countries. **ZAMBIA** Timothy Walamba has been elected chairman of Zambia's powerful mineworkers union. Walamba is known as a militant. **LIBERIA** The World Bank is helping Liberia revive its iron ore industry with a loan of \$20 million. **UGANDA** Amnesty International reported widespread killing and torture of civilians by the army. **BENIN** will soon join the family of oil producers. **WESTERN SAHARA** A new dimension has been added to the struggle between Morocco and the Polisario over the Western Sahara. Evidence is now pointing to the possibility of considerable oil resources in the area. **IVORY COAST** The Ivory Coast is anticipating oil self sufficiency by 1983. Many poor African countries were hit badly by the oil prices and oil development in the area will greatly change the outlook for the better.

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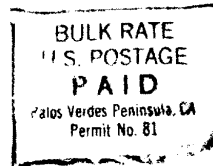
The First Provisional World Parliament will convene in Brighton, England on Sept. 4, 1982. The Convention is sponsored by the World Constitution and Parliamentary Association, 1480 Hoyt St., #31, Lakewood, CO U.S.A. 80215. A recently organized group of legislators calling themselves "PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR WORLD ORDER" presented their first petition to the U.N. Economic and Social Commission. The petition, signed by 493 legislators from around the world, demanded a nuclear freeze as the "World's first act of simultaneous transnational legislation". For more information write Foster Parmelee, Montpelier Station, VA 22957. RENEWAL, P.O. Box 3242, Winchester, Virginia 22601 is a new publication on peace news. NETWORK TO EDUCATE FOR WORLD SECURITY, 777 U.N. Plaza, New York, NY 10017, sponsored by the Media Task Force of the NGO Committee on Disarmament will send a research packet on the arms race and disarmament to any Media person interested. It is free of charge and contains some very interesting articles and data. THE END OF WAR through the FEDERATION OF THE PEOPLE is a new proposal published by "UMANO" and translated into English. It can be obtained from UMANO, 64-24 Grand Ave., Maspeth, NY 11378, U.S.A. Interesting and informative articles on peace research can be obtained from PEACE RESEARCH REVIEWS, 25 Dundana Ave., Dundas, Ontario L9H 4E5, Canada. For a copy of PLANNING THE WORLD COMMUNITY or a zeroxed copy of Rabbi Kahane's book THEY MUST GO, write to TOMORROW OUTLINE JOURNAL enclosing \$1.50 for xerox and postage or \$1.00 for postage only.

If everything is going according to schedule 1983 will be another busy year of extended travel so please be patient while I look for on the spot news and information.



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