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POPE MURDER ATTEMPT LEADS ANTICOMMUNIST CAMPAIGN

## 'A New Record of Lies'

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[Text] Moscow December 29 TASS -- "A new record of lies and slander, dirty sensation and political provocation" -- this is how the newspaper IZVESTIYA views today the propaganda hullabaloo, which is being kindled in the West; the hullabaloo, which, the newspaper stresses, was launched in the past few weeks by certain circles of international imperialism, and special services of the United States, and a number of NATO countries around the so-called "admissions" of extreme right-wing Turkish terrorist Agea, who was convicted for the attempt on the life of Pope John Paul the Second. The article stresses that on the basis of these "admissions" of the terrorist, who is now in prison, arrested a month ago without any official charges against him was Bulgarian citizen Antonov, employee of the representation of the Bulgarian air company Balkan in Rome. His arrest was a suitable external pretext for launching two slander versions: Antonov is an accomplice in the attempt on the life of the pope which was allegedly arranged with "Bulgaria's knowledge," terrorism, which literally flooded Italy and a number of other Western countries with blood is not at all an internal creation of those states, but it is imported from outside, from socialist countries.

IZVESTIYA notes that most over-free are Italian press organs, controlled by right-wing socialists, Social Democrats, liberals. These are being emulated by media in the United States, Turkey, Britain, France, FRG, other West European countries.

"In the Soviet press it was already repeatedly noted that the provocative hullabaloo around that, insinuations concerning Bulgaria's and the USSR's alleged 'complicity' in the attempt on the life of the head of the Roman Catholic Church is pure fabrication, which is absolutely unfounded. It is aimed at worsening relations between Italy and socialist countries, sets the aim to cast those relations back to 'cold war' times. It should be remembered that it is not difficult to reduce to zero everything positive which exists now in these relations if this tendentious campaign is not stopped without delay. From history it is known that relations between states can easily be spoiled, but it takes many years to restore good and mutually-beneficial cooperation.

## 'Goals' of 'Campaign'

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["Slanderers at Work" -- TASS headline]

[Text] Moscow December 30 TASS -- The CIA and special services allying with it pursue several goals in an attempt to breathe new life into the White House's slackening drive to "fight international terrorism", writes the newspaper PRAVDA, exposing the slanderous campaign launched in the West in connection with the assassination attempt on the pope.

Firstly, that campaign is an attempt -- by stirring up fears around "international terrorism", "controlled by the Communists" and "exported" to West European countries -- at covering up real terrorism practised by the United States itself and by its clients, the kind of Israel and El Salvador, against whole peoples such as, for example, the Arab people of Palestine, and against national-liberation movements.

Secondly, the new slanderous campaign is a large-scale provocation against the People's Republic of Bulgaria and pursues the aim of casting aspersions on the peaceful policy of socialist countries, including that of the Soviet Union, and thereby to justify the drawing of Italy and other West European countries into the Pentagon's rearmament plans aimed at preparing for a nuclear war.

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Thirdly, the Italian authorities, not without prompting from U.S. special services, if not in direct contact with them, make use of inventions about an "imported terrorism" for their own political purposes.

The search for an "outside enemy" and allusions to a "communist threat" is nothing new in the political life of Italy where the forces of reaction, including those of neo-fascism, are still rather influential. On the wave of hysteria which is being stirred up now, they would like to get the left-wing forces off to a political demise, which was, in particular, one of the main aims of the kidnapping and murder of Aldo Moro in 1978, the murder which, as the Italian press itself admitted, was committed not without participation of U.S. special services. At the same time NATO's "brain-washing" experts try to cast aspersions on the anti-war movement and on the country's progressive forces which come out against deployment of new U.S. nuclear missiles on Italian soil.

#### Vatican's 'Subversive Activity'

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[Text] Moscow, 29 Dec (TASS) -- ~~Numerous services and organizations of the Vatican are carrying out anticommunist propaganda on a wide scale under the cover of religion. Attention is drawn to this fact by the Soviet journal POLITICHESKOYE SAMOOBRAZOVANIYE [POLITICAL SELF-EDUCATION].~~

The article, which appears in the December issue, notes that the "growth in the aggressive intrigues of imperialism and the activation of the enemies of relaxing tension" have had an effect upon the Vatican's policy.

~~"The present head of the Catholic Church, John Paul II (formerly archbishop of Krakow, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla) has, unlike his predecessors, taken up a more conservative, harder position toward the socialist world," the monthly points out.~~

"Of course," the journal goes on, "today's 'successor of Saint Peter' prefers in his essentially political utterances to speak in the language of Christian sermons. Nevertheless the class direction of what he says is evident. Events of recent years in people's Poland are evidence of the antisocialist activity of the reactionary forces of the Catholic Church. The notorious Solidarity, which became a symbol of the crisis that was provoked by antisocialist forces upon instructions from overseas, was born not so much in the heat of the disturbances that seized this country in the summer of 1980 as in the bosom of the church."

The article goes on to note that Poland is not the only target for the Vatican's subversive activity. ~~It carries out the training of "specialists" in the propaganda of Catholicism and sends them into other socialist countries in East Europe.~~

The journal stresses that religious propaganda serves the anticommunist clerics to justify the stability of the capitalist system. Under the pretext of "defending the faith," "the true position of the church and of believers in the countries of the socialist community is maliciously distorted. Anticommunist figures, speaking against a policy of peaceful coexistence, are striving to undermine the process of the relaxation of international tension."

#### GROMYKO HOLDS MEETING WITH FRG AMBASSADOR

Disarmament Discussed

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[Text] Moscow December 29 TASS -- Member of the Political Bureau of the CPSU Central Committee, Foreign Minister of the USSR Andrey Gromyko today received FRG Ambassador in the Soviet Union Andreas Meyer-Landrut at the latter's request.