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"Peace" Movement Update

<u>West Germany.</u> The Federal Republic remains the locus for the largest demonstrations next month as the date for initial INF deployments nears. The October demonstrations will be large and mostly non-violent; for the movement as a whole this fall may be more of a "grand finale" than a commencement. Nevertheless, a determined hard-core band of activists may increasingly become more dedicated to violence. It is clear, for example, that "Red Army Faction" ana
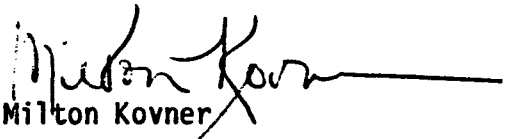
autonomist fringe groups plan disruptive actions; and some "Green" elements, discouraged by the mild resonance of recent demonstrations, such as that at Mutlangen, promise a more active interpretation of "civil disobedience."

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Netherlands. "Peace" sentiment may have gained strength from backing by the Labor Party and trade unions, but public anti-INF sentiment is not acute because of the late deployment dates for the Netherlands.

Belgium. Enthusiasm for the movement remains greater in Flanders than in Wallonia, the site of the proposed INF base, although Francophone Socialists and the Christian labor federation have been increasing their support of the movement in the south.

Italy. With "autonomist" groups urging provocative actions at the Comiso basing site, violence is a possibility. Overall, however, the movement appears weak in the face of continued Communist ambivalence.

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