

LISTENING IN

Below, some international eavesdropping—transcripts of radio broadcasts, news agency handouts, and newspaper and periodical items culled from daily reports of the U.S. Government's Foreign Broadcast Information Service.

China: Sporting Blood

(Beijing in Mandarin to Taiwan, April 3) Taiwan's *Cheng Chin Chia* [Statesman] magazine has conducted a public opinion poll on how the common people perceive the Chinese women's softball team....The article, written in a concise and lively style, was thought-provoking. Over the past few months, the Taiwan authorities were caught in a bothersome dilemma on whether to sponsor the fifth world women's softball championships and whether to invite the mainland softball team and how to deal with the team if it comes....How do the common people look upon the softball tournament? Do they welcome the mainland team? How will they receive the mainland athletes? The answers are definite, says the poll. Many people are for holding the softball tournament and inviting the mainland team....

A 15-year-old middle-school student said: "I would like to invite them to my home, prepare a splendid dinner for them and show them around the zoo and other places." A Chinese scholar returning from the United States said: "I surely wish to see both sides communicate through sports." A young columnist flatly questioned the authorities on the necessity of persisting in confrontation. He also charged that opposition to resuming postal, navigation, and trade links is contrary to kinship feelings and human compassion....An old softball fan asked in a heavyhearted manner: "Can I cheer the mainland team during its contest with a foreign team?" Are not such touching words, ardent hopes, severe accusations against the authorities...manifestations of Taiwan compatriots' eager hope for reuniting with their kith and kin, for exchanging intimate feelings during a sports meet and for doing away with the man-made barriers? Concurrently, the people have clearly shown their resentment against the Taiwan authorities for refusing to resume postal, navigation, and trade links.

Cuba: Operation Smokescreen

(Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish, April 6) [Excerpts] Argentine troops in the Malvinas Islands were reinforced in the face of growing certainty that Great Britain could force the country into an escalation of violence, according to military sources in Buenos Aires....

Something that attracts attention is that capitalist news agencies have substantially cut down their reporting on El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua at a time when new Salvadoran guerrilla actions are taking place, the Nicaraguans confront renewed aggression from Honduras sponsored by the United States, and repudiation grows in Guatemala against the new coupist government. One should ask whether the dispute over the Malvinas Islands is not being used to

hide new imperialist actions in Central America and, what is worse, preparations for an interventionist escalation of wide scope. World opinion must be on the alert.

Yugoslavia: Brothers

(Belgrade, TANJUG, in English, April 2) ...It is necessary to transcend the concept that the "attitude to the Soviet Union" is the "main test of the internationalist consciousness" of a party, said [Spanish Communist party Secretary General Santiago] Carillo. That is a conservative idea, he assessed. Carillo stressed that a critical attitude to weaknesses in certain systems does not mean that "we throw doubt upon the ideas of the teachers of Marxism. It is only that we are confident that some have become estranged from the October Revolution ideas." The Spanish Communists, said Carillo, "simply do not wish their working class to be ruled by its own bureaucracy"....

Yugoslavia: Mending Fences

(Belgrade, TANJUG, in English, April 2) In a solemn ceremony [in Moscow] today a memorial tablet was (?unveiled in) a Moscow square which was last May named after Josip Broz Tito. In a speech at the observance organized for the occasion, the contribution made by the late Yugoslav president in the struggle for freedom and independence of Yugoslavia's nations and nationalities, and for world peace and equal relations, was emphasized. Also stressed was Tito's significance in the development of Yugoslav-Soviet relations and friendly cooperation.

South Africa: Military Operations

(Johannesburg International Service in English, April 2) The South African minister of defense, General Magnus Malan, says military operations against the Southwest African People's Organization, SWAPO, are still mainly restricted to Ovambo in northern South-West Africa/Namibia. In a white paper on defense and armaments supply for 1982 introduced in Parliament in Cape Town today, he said that the operational area in South-West Africa/Namibia remained the focal point of the South African Army's operational commitment. Although good progress was being made with the expansion of the South-West African/Namibia territory force, the South African Army's participation in operations was still considerable. General Malan said, although the army was not yet extensively involved in antiterrorist operations in South Africa itself, preparation of the counterinsurgency force was continuing....

Turning to Soviet interference in Southern Africa, the general said it was the aim of the Soviet Union to tie down the South African Defense Force by means of a protracted terrorist war in South-West Africa/Namibia while at the same time giving increased assistance to terrorist action in South Africa.

General Malan said increased terrorist activities from Mozambique indicated that President Machel was prepared to involve his country more actively in the onslaught against South Africa.... —S.W.