

International Intelligence

'Islam Centennial 14' promotes Dark Ages

An American organization called "Islam Centennial 14" is formally associated with the European "Islam and the West" group and the Club of Rome. Its purpose is to rewrite history books to stress Muslim Brotherhood affairs, to reshape curriculum programs in science and technology to emphasize Aquarian mentalities, and to convince prominent Americans that Khomeini-style regimes are inevitable in the Middle East.

Among the leaders of the "Islam Centennial 14" are: George Ball, the advocate of population elimination; Father Theodore Hesburgh, President of Notre Dame University; Father Timothy Healy, S.J., of Georgetown University; Arthur Hertzberg and Carter Commerce Secretary Philip Klutznick of the Zionist-leftist World Jewish Congress; Robert McNamara; David Rockefeller; Stephen Bechtel, Jr.; and former chargé d'affaires at the U.S. embassy in Teheran Bruce Laingen, who was the chief U.S. hostage during the Iran crisis, and is a former U.S. Ambassador to Malta.

Hundreds of U.S. businessmen and political leaders are being drawn into the "Islam Centennial 14" operation.

Agee calls Nicaraguans to violence

Philip Agee, the Jesuit-trained former agent of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), held a press conference in Nicaragua on Oct. 8 in which he exhorted sympathizers of the Sandinista government to "meet violence with violence" and seize the U.S. embassy in that country or burn it. Agee's incendiary diatribe, according to an article in the *Miami Herald*, was followed a week later by a street demonstration in front of the U.S. embassy in Managua, in which an effigy of Uncle Sam was burned.

With Iran fresh in mind, the U.S.

embassy personnel have taken the threats seriously. Contingency plans to evacuate embassy personnel were readied; classified materials were destroyed; increased protection was demanded of the Sandinista Junta; and American chargé d'affaires Roger Gamble reportedly warned the Nicaraguan government that "this will not be another Teheran."

But Agee has Jesuit friends in high places—in both the American and Nicaraguan governments—that are bent on proving Gamble wrong. They want to "Iranize" Nicaragua and embroil the United States in the conflagration threatening to spread across Central America.

Brotherhood meets at Rothko Chapel

One hundred and twenty people attended the first-day sessions of the conference on Islam held at the Rothko Chapel in Houston, Texas on Oct. 22, which had become a heated subject of controversy because of involvement in the affair by the network of Muslim Brotherhood operatives who assassinated Egyptian President Sadat.

According to key sources in Houston, Texas attending the Rothko Chapel Conference, the director of the De Menil Foundation, Thompson Shannon, flew to Washington, D.C. last week to meet with State Department officials in order to prevent several visas of the members of the Muslim Brotherhood attending the conference from being revoked.

Attendance at the conference was below the expectations of the organizers of the meeting who were disappointed that the Houston business and black community did not show up or express interest in supporting the Rothko Chapel event. According to one source, conference coordinator Mrs. Jean de Menil blamed the poor attendance on *EIR*, a "powerful force not only in Houston, but Washington, D.C."

The feature presentation was delivered by Saudi Prince Mohammed al-Faisal, who retailed the same line put

forth last week by Club of Rome head Aurelio Peccei at the Paris Islam and the West Conference. These two one-worldists called for the Muslim world to be dissolved into one "Islamic nation-state." Mohammed boasted that his Islamic banking empire would help to facilitate such a scheme.

A surprise guest at the conference was Ahmed Ben Bella, former President of Algeria, now the point man for coordinating the growing Muslim Brotherhood upsurge sweeping North Africa. The only other Algerian representative at Rothko was a member of the Club of Rome. One guest was overheard commenting that it was strange to see a Saudi prince and an Arab revolutionary leader so close together. It was later said that they are old friends who worked together "during the Iran crisis to bring Khomeini to power."

A full report will appear in next week's *EIR*.

IMF forces Sudan to accept diktat

The IMF is setting up the Sudan for destabilization. Banking sources report that Sudanese economic officials, meeting with a visiting IMF delegation the week of Oct. 19 in Khartoum, have accepted an IMF ultimatum that will mean substantial increases in the price of food.

The size of Western Europe, the crucially located Sudan has been publicly targeted for destabilization by Qaddafi and his Islamic fundamentalist minions, and the IMF demands will make Sudan extremely vulnerable.

Acknowledging that this is what is at stake, one banker claimed, "I have no idea if this [the IMF ultimatum] will cause riots." Sudden price increases and food shortages have caused unrest in the past.

"The situation is ripe to be exploited by those who want to get rid of President Gaafar Numeiry," said one source.

The political consensus established by Numeiry began to unravel after the

IMF imposed conditionalities in 1978 that forced the Sudan government to cancel economic development projects. Sudan has borrowed extensively in an attempt to revive the development of the potentially rich country, and now, as a result, has the largest debt payments of any African country.

Sudan is now faced with accepting the IMF demands or losing all access to international credit, which would force the Sudan to conduct its international trade on a cash-only basis.

Kampuchean rebels kill off each other

Rival groups of Kampuchean rebels, using grenade launchers and automatic rifles, engaged in a large-scale battle along the Thai-Kampuchea border last week.

The U.S. State Department-backed Khmer Rouge, and the Son Sann-led Khmer Serai have battled for the last two years to get control of one of the most lucrative black-marketeering rings that exists in that border region. Repeatedly, the Thai troops, who are busily engaged in keeping the situation under control, had been attacked by these rebels.

Division Commander Prasun Song-siri recently denied Son Sann clearance to visit the area because of the fear of increased tension. Observers at the border estimate that at least \$40,000 worth of business was transacted daily and as much as half a million dollars changes hands daily along the border.

Malaysian minister: drugs a 'threat'

In his address to the United Nations last month, Malaysian Foreign Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie called for "a new conceptual approach" to the problem of international drug abuse which he termed a danger that "saps the energies of nations and threatens their very political,

social, and security fabric."

The Malaysian Foreign Minister's warning on the threat to national security coincided with increased guerrilla activities by the Islamic fundamentalists in cooperation with the Chinese-financed Communist Party of Malaysia (CPM) along the Thai-Malaysia border.

Far Eastern Economic Review in its Oct. 9 issue reports Malaysian police sources say that the "main outlets [of drugs] are believed to be in Australia, though Thai narcotics agents do not rule out the possibility that the drugs are going to the European markets via Hong Kong." In 1978, Thai-Malaysian troops uncovered a massive heroin factory in the dense jungles along the border run by the ethnic Chinese-dominated Communist Party of Malaysia.

Mitterrand tightens grip on Foreign Ministry

The largest shakeup in the Foreign Ministry of France since the end of World War II has just been announced. The shakeup affects control of the Foreign Ministry itself as well as ambassadorial positions, involving 50 people altogether. Members of the diplomatic corps with seniority are being bypassed in favor of those with little or no connection with diplomacy. At the top level of the shakeup, Francis Gutman, now Director General of the French Red Cross, will be brought in as General Secretary of the Ministry, replacing Bruno de Leusse, a senior diplomat who had previously been Ambassador to Moscow. Gutman will become the man who really runs the Foreign Ministry.

Among the ambassadors to be replaced is François de Laboulaye (from the family that brought America the Statue of Liberty). The new Ambassador in Washington will be Bernard Vernier-Palliez, currently Chairman of the Renault auto company. And the next Ambassador to Italy will be Gilles Martinet, former head of the left-wing Parti Socialiste Unifié, and a key ideologue of the Mitterrand government.

Briefly

● **SOMALI** President Siad Barre—watch for him to fall," said a source connected to Bill Buckley's *National Review*." And don't expect the obvious, it won't come from Ethiopia. He'll probably get killed in the name of Islam." The radicalization of Somalia and the projected destabilization of Sudan could close down oil shipments from Saudi Arabia via the Red Sea.

● **NIGERIA** lowered the price for its crude oil by \$1.50 retroactive to Oct. 1, following a \$4 cut in its \$40 official price. The move comes just before OPEC's Oct. 29 meeting to unify oil prices. The Nigerian cut brings its normally more expensive oil to only 50¢ above the \$34 target price for less expensive oil. Nigeria's move may have been carried out to pressure price hawks Algeria and Libya to unify prices.

● **PRESIDENT REAGAN** issued a statement Oct. 21 in response to international press coverage of his Oct. 17 remarks on limited nuclear war, which said in part: "The suggestion that the United States could even consider fighting a nuclear war at Europe's expense is an outright deception. The essence of United States nuclear strategy is that no aggressor should believe that the use of nuclear weapons in Europe could reasonably be limited to Europe. Thus, we regard any military threat to Europe as a threat to the United States itself."

● **COLOMBIA'S MILITARY** raided offices of every trade union that had supported the Oct. 21 banned general strike, rounding up over 1,000 labor leaders and sympathizers. Almost all are leaders of the CSTC, the Communist Party-run union federation, which foolishly went out on strike after every other labor group withdrew its support for the action. The military, politically controlled by oligarch Alvaro Gómez Hurtado, is now threatening to permanently outlaw the CP and CSTC.