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Canadian court rebuffs euthanasia

Justice Lloyd McKenzie of the British Columbia Supreme Court on March 17 overruled the decision taken March 14 by a lower court judge, Patricia Byrne, to grant the parents of a six-year-old boy the right to refuse treatment for their son. The parents contended that an operation would be "a cruel and unusual punishment" for the child.

Outraged at the fact that the Byrne decision not only would have meant the cold murder of a handicapped child, but also would have set a precedent case for the killing of hundreds of so-called incompetent people in Canada, Justice McKenzie lashed out at the fact that the Byrne decision justified murder on the basis of "parental despair."

Referring to the "thinking" of Judge Byrne, Justice McKenzie emphasized: "I cannot accept the view that Stephen would be better off dead. I tremble at the thought that the lives of disabled persons should depend on such thinking." At the end of his ruling, McKenzie concluded that "the laws of society are designed to protect and preserve human life," not uphold the right to die.

DOD Soviet shuttle outstrips Columbia

The Soviet Union is building a reusable space shuttle system that will be able to boost a payload to low-earth orbit twice as heavy as the U.S. Space Shuttle can, according to the recently release U.S. Defense Department report entitled "Soviet Military Power." The report states that this Soviet shuttle is lighter than the U.S. one, although the Soviet fuel tank is taller and the shuttles are of comparable sizes.

The Soviets have already developed a smaller reusable spacecraft.

In addition, the report states that the Soviets are building a launch vehicle with a lift-off thrust of 8 to 9 million pounds; the U.S. Saturn-5 rocket had a lift-off thrust of 7.5 million pounds. The Soviet booster would have a 143- to 165-ton payload ca-

pability, compared to the Saturn-5's 140 tons.

One likely use of this new booster will be to place directed energy weapons in orbit "aboard the next generation of Soviet-manned space stations," the report says, venturing that the Soviets will not deploy operations laser weapons in space until the early 1990s.

U.S. reconnaissance satellite photos show that construction of the Soviet Tyuratam space complex where the new shuttle and booster will be launched is far advanced, with a long shuttle-landing runway and large vehicle assembly buildings.

British capture Israeli presidency

The election by the Israeli Knesset of Chaim Herzog on March 22 as the next president of Israel marks the ascendancy of British intelligence into the office of the Israeli presidency. It also marks the latest phase in the consolidation of a new mafia that is systematically taking power in Israel; he represents the dirtiest aspects of the Israeli Labour Party.

Born in Ireland and educated at Cambridge University and Sandhurst military college, Herzog served as a ranking intelligence officer in the British army during World War II.

After emigrating to Israel in the late 1940s, Herzog became chief of military intelligence in 1948-50, and for three years in the 1950s. The *Jerusalem Post* reports that he "molded" the intelligence branch of the Israeli army, "leaving a permanent imprint on it." After retiring from the Israeli army in 1962, Herzog became a prominent figure in Israel's banking and business community, and served as Israel's ambassador to the United Nations from 1975 to 1978.

After emigrating to Israel, Herzog was made a "Sir"—a Knight Commander of the British Empire (KBE)—a title rarely bestowed on non-British subjects.

Herzog's family networks span several continents. In addition to his British pedigree, Herzog is connected to the Sephardic Jewish community in Egypt through his wife, who hails from the Ambache family there. His most famous Sephardic relative is the

Swiss moneyman Nessim Gaon, whose daughter is married to Herzog's son. Gaon is the leading patron of Israel's Sephardic-dominated Tami Party.

Herzog is said to be sympathetic to the extremists who seek to rebuild the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem. Although his election was described as a major political defeat for Prime Minister Begin, it was, in fact, a victory for Begin's extremist policies. Herzog was elected in a 61-57 vote, in which seven members of Begin's Likud coalition bolted sides and either abstained or voted for Herzog on the Labour ticket.

Pressure on Saudi royal family grows

Security forces of several Arab countries have uncovered a plan drawn up by the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran to overthrow the royal family of Saudi Arabia, West Germany's *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* reported on March 22. Iran's Ayatollah Shirazi is said to be on top of the planned destabilization, which involves building secret cells of a so-called Islamic Front for the Liberation of the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf. Muslim pilgrims to Mecca are reportedly being used as couriers for Iran's subversive propaganda.

The Saudi ruling family is more vulnerable to such security pressures because of the effects of oil production cuts on the Saudi economy. A West German industrialist who recently returned from Saudi Arabia says that oil production has reached the low point of 3.5 million barrels a day, and that "cuts in projects will be made." The West German financial daily *Handelsblatt* reported March 22 that Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef has commissioned a study on how Saudi Arabia would be affected by cutting back on its immigrant labor force and placing Saudis in these jobs. *Handelsblatt* reports that Saudi Industry Minister Al-Gosaibi is looking toward "limiting foreign workers" inside the country.

The *Times* of London editorialized recently that Saudi Arabia would soon have to follow the example of Nigeria and expel tens of thousands of foreigners from the country. The *Times* gloated that this would create

substantial problems for the countries of South Asia and Southeast Asia, who now provide a significant portion of workers for the Saudi economy.

The sensitive conjuncture Saudi Arabia is now entering is examined in a new *EIR* Special Report by Lyndon H. LaRouche, entitled *Saudi Arabia in the Year 2023*. LaRouche employs the methodology of the LaRouche-Riemann econometric model to lay out the parameters for a comprehensive long-term development program for Saudi Arabia.

Pretenders jockey over Umberto's corpse

Immediately after the death of Umberto of Savoy was announced in mid-March (Umberto had been dead for a week), the fight for the succession to the "throne of Italy" began. The two pretenders are Victor Emmanuel (Umberto's son, famous as a killer and weapons smuggler) and the junior branch of the Savoy family, the Aosta, represented by Duke Amedeo. They are vying for the criminal networks controlled by the Savoy dynasty: real-estate and dirty money and intelligence operations interlocked with the Permindex assassination bureau, the P-2 Freemasons, and the apparatus for traffic in drugs and weapons.

Victor Emmanuel is already known as *principe stupido* (Prince Stupid), and only communicates with the press through his lawyer, Armando Radice, a Socialist famous as the lawyer of mafia boss Francis "Angel Face" Turatello.

On the other side, Amedeo is known as an actor in pornographic movies that he directs in his villa near Arezzo. The villa is very close to another famous villa—that of P-2 Grand Master Licio Gelli, one of Mussolini's intelligence chiefs. The two had a friendship which the duke described as a business relationship.

Suharto shakes up Indonesia's cabinet

President Suharto of Indonesia, facing possible financial strains due to the drop in OPEC

oil prices, has announced a new cabinet.

The new line-up shows that the president is already planning who will be his successor in 1988. Selection of Vice-President Umar Wirahadikusumo, Lt. Gen. Benny Murdani as Commander of the Armed Forces, and Defense Minister General Poniman indicates President Suharto's plan to consolidate a group of trusted lieutenants in power.

One of the most significant omissions in the new cabinet is Dr. Widjoyo Nitisastro, coordinating minister for economics, finance, and industry. Dr. Nitisastro was reportedly opposed to President Suharto's plan to invest in the petroleum refining sector.

Mexican President defends José López Portillo

Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid has made it clear that, while he is conducting an anti-corruption campaign, he will not join a political witchhunt against his predecessor, José López Portillo. "We need the republic's moral restoration, but the neither the slanders nor the wish for revenge by those embittered persons who have been rejected by the population through the political process," said de la Madrid in a speech given in Puebla on March 15. He was referring to efforts by IMF surrogates in Mexico, such as the PAN party, to use López Portillo as a scapegoat for Mexico's current economic crisis.

The newspaper *Uno Más Uno* noted that de la Madrid's speech undermined the position of those who have purposely misinterpreted his call for a "moral restoration" as an excuse to "lynch López Portillo."

The slander campaign against the former president was further undermined when one of *Excelsior's* most prominent political columnists, José Luis Mejías—whose own personal antipathy to López Portillo is well known—admitted that López Portillo's purported "great luxurious home on the hill" overlooking Mexico City is no more than a modest house without electricity and lacking other services at this time. Mejías suggested that the house should be used as a museum, in which children might learn how the mass media lie.

● **NIGERIAN PRESIDENT** Shehu Shagari recently signed legislation for the establishment of four nuclear research centers in Nigeria. They will be located at the University of Ife, Ahmadou Bello University, University of Lagos, and the University of Lagos at Nsukka.

● **YUVAL NEEMAN** told an audience of foreign diplomats in Israel that his country needed a "massive settlements policy" in the occupied territories and annexation of the West Bank. The Israeli minister of science and technology is the main backer in the cabinet of the evangelical operatives who want to rebuild Solomon's Temple where the sacred Muslim Dome of the Rock is now located.

● **RALPH NADER**, Barry Commoner, and Petra Kelly are all scheduled to participate in an anti-nuclear orgy in Urbino, Italy on March 25-27. It is sponsored by the ARCI organization, a joint endeavor of the Communists and the Socialists.

● **KIICHI MIYAZAWA** of the Trilateral Commission is rumored to be Henry Kissinger's choice to replace Japanese Prime Minister Nakasone, who is due to be hit with a revived Lockheed scandal. Henry, Helmut Schmidt, Lord Carrington, and Miyazawa are scheduled to put their heads together in Japan at the end of March.

● **HELMUT SCHMIDT** is writing a policy document for a new outfit in Vienna called the International Foundation for Development Perspectives. The parent foundation for the new entity is the International Institute for Development Alternatives, which features self-avowed Nazi admirer Robert Jungk as a leading member.