Book Review

New revelations on pro-Nazi Jung will further embarrass Prince Charles

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A Walk with a White Bushman

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The West German magazine *Der Spiegel*, which usually propagandizes for "Aquarian"/"New Age" causes, startled its readers the week of Jan. 26 with an article exposing the late C.G. Jung, a psychologist with a great following in "New Age" circles, as a collaborator and protégé of high-level Nazi circles.

The content would not have startled readers of Executive Intelligence Review and of the West German cultural journal Ibykus, both of which had published, late last fall (EIR, Nov. 21, 1986), historical exposés of Jung's pro-Nazi views, and of the affinity between Nazi ideology and the Jungian branch of psychoanalysis. Evidently, these publications had stirred up such a hornets' nest among the cultural engineers who control the Der Spiegel editorial board, that they felt obliged to rush into print their own version of the same story.

The most explosive portions of the *Der Spiegel* story read: "Repeatedly, Jung met with the heavily bearded Professor Heinrich Goering, a cousin of the obsessive Reichsmarshal: [Hermann] Goering, in charge of reorganizing the German [psycho]analysts association into the Third Reich, considered... Jung an ally of international usefulness... An aide to Goering, Walter Cimbal, recommended Jung as a Nazi sympathizer: 'Herr Dr. Jung,' he formulated, 'has worked through the threads of thought and likely also the literature of National Socialism very thoroughly, and has stated his support."

Jung, the magazine further noted, promoted the Germanic god Wotan as an archetype of the Germanic mind, and welcomed Adolf Hitler as a "possessed man," who could put his followers into "a holy state of frenzy."

Whatever effect this story will be having among the German population, expect the real bombshell to explode in

Great Britain. As EIR and Ibykus had stressed, but what Der Spiegel omits to say, is that there is a powerful Jung cult in Britain, which controls the heir to the House of Windsor crown, Prince Charles, via Charles's personal guru, mystic Sir Laurens van der Post. Van der Post was one of Jung's closest friends, in the last years of the latter's life. Through his guidance, the Prince of Wales has expressed himself as an open admirer of Jung.

A paean to bestialism

In light of reports in the British press, that Charles is about to make his second mystical journey to Africa, likely with van der Post in the entourage, van der Post's new book, issued in late 1986, is an interesting clinical document.

The book is in the form of a question-and-answer dialogue, weaving through many subjects and much intellectualized gossip, between van der Post and French journalist Jean-Marc Pottiez. Much of the content is pompous and pretentious, tailored to reinforcing the public-relations image of van der Post as some kind of great philosopher of life, which he most decidedly is not. But the composition of the book is not unclever, with passages strewn throughout nominally in defense of the values of Western civilization. To the same effect of "sanitizing" the author's bestialist world-view, there is nary a word, or hint, of the truths about Jung exposed, most recently, by *Der Spiegel*.

About one-quarter of the book is devoted, in one way or another, to Jung, or to van der Post's views of Jung. To give the reader a sense of how one gets from Jungianism, even in van der Post's sanitized public-relations version, to Nazi ideology, we cite a passage of the book, in which Pottiez asks about why Jung called Africa "God's country." Van der Post answers:

"When Jung talked about 'Africa' it was not the Africa you know. He went to Africa in 1925-26. At that time, it was the greatest fortress of natural life left on earth, and this natural life to him was profoundly religious. Remember how he held that the animals were the priests of God because they do God's will, not their own. Only the human being with this

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consciousness, with his discovery of fire, has a certain freedom of choice; it would seem as if consciousness and the freedom to choose, the awesome responsibility of choice, all arose at once. But the animal does God's will—he is an acolyte of God. He said he felt in Africa almost like Adam in the garden, when everything was new. There he was in touch with the original pattern of creation. Man was not in charge in Africa. Nature—that is, God's nature—was in charge. Therefore it was God's country still, with a soul. Humanly unpredictable things were happening all the time: things over which man had no control. . . . This gave Jung immense pleasure: After a European life where man seemed to be entirely in command, he was in a place where God and his creation were in control. . . . "

The immediate next passage describes Jung finding himself "intoxicated by the heat and gathering pace of the seductive rhythm" of an African tribal dance. "He felt this wild spirit of Africa in him. But it was there, you see, and more food for the research which led to his theory of a 'collective unconscious' in man. This theory is to the spirit what the theory of relativity can be to physics." Not only Africans, but also "American Indians, Chinese and Tibetans as well as the people of India," were "in touch" with it. And so on.

Leave aside that these passages have more than a trace of pornography, racism, and the genocidal view of Africans of Prince Philip's World Wildlife Fund. The propaganda about man's creativity interfering with the plans of "God," is the foundation of all beliefs called "gnostic," from which the path to fascism is straight and narrow. Judeo-Christian civilization, expressed at its height by St. Augustine, or the 15th century Renaissance, is founded on exactly the opposite idea: man as the highest expression, reflection, and "image" of God.

As *EIR* contended in its Nov. 21, 1986 cover-story, if Britons tolerate having an heir having such views, they will be endorsing exactly that world-view, against which Britain mobilized in war, almost five decades ago.

Conservation and the animal kingdom

As for the beloved creatures of the animal kingdom, whom van der Post invokes to justify bestiality in human beings, there is one true-to-life political anecdote which we cite, to shed further light on the mentality prevailing among that faction of the British Establishment which regards itself as co-thinkers of van der Post and his Windsor protégé.

There is an entity in the U.K. called the Conservation Society, founded in 1966, to address "world overpopulation." Today, Society officials cite Laurens van der Post as one of the most important promoters of its causes, and boast that Prince Charles has written articles for the Society newsletter. Eyebrows were raised all the higher, when a former president of the Conservation Society, Lord Avebury, made a deadpan announcement Jan. 21, that he was bequeathing his body to London's stray-dogs home, Battersea.

Battle for Europe

Danger seen in gain by German Greens

One of the worst results of West Germany's Jan. 25 national elections was the gain made by the Green Party, whose Nazilike, violently anti-Western ideology, criminal records, and ties to the Soviet intelligence services were fully documented in the 1986 EIR Special Report, "The German Green Party and Terrorism." The Greens went from 5.6% to 8.3% of the vote, less than 1 point behind the Free Democrats (FDP), a party in the ruling coalition. The Greens now have 46 seats (previously 27) in the federal parliament, the Bundestag.

This is a strategic disaster. It is even possible that Otto Schily, the terrorists' lawyer who heads the Green caucus in the parliament, will be seated on the committee which has oversight over the secret services. This will give the virulently anti-NATO Greens access to NATO intelligence secrets.

Many observers believe that the Greens may make a strong enough showing in the 1987 elections in the states of Hesse, Schleswig-Holstein, and Rhineland Palatinate, to bring about state-level "Red-Green" coalitions with the opposition Social Democrats. Such a coalition already rules in Hesse. Under such conditions, the Christian Democratic (CDU)-Free Democratic federal coalition of Chancellor Kohl could not continue in power. The Social Democrats, who also lost votes in the Jan. 25 election, are increasingly mooting governing with the Greens, a possibility which they had previously excluded.

Education reforms blamed

A private seminar held in Wiesbaden, West Germany to review the results of the Jan. 25 elections, concluded that the growth of the Green Party's base is tied to the effect of the Willy Brandt educational reforms, in lowering the standards of public-school education, and the invasion of teaching positions by professionally underqualified leftist veterans of the third-generation followers of Frankfurt School radicals such as Adorno, Habermas, and Horkheimer.

This general conclusion is based chiefly on the statistical