

International Intelligence

Vatican asks for new pornography laws

In a 13-page paper entitled "Pornography and Violence in the Communications Media: A Pastoral Response," a Pontifical Council condemned the increasing incidence of violence and pornography on television.

The document stated, "Sound laws must be enacted where they are lacking, weak laws must be strengthened, and existing laws must be enforced." The report blasted "faulty libertarian arguments" which suggest that anyone is "free to choose" anything. "The right to freedom does not exist in a vacuum."

At a news conference in Rome presenting the document, American Archbishop John Foley, the president of the commission which prepared the paper, stated that freedom of speech includes the freedom to reject such degrading material and that appropriate actions include organized boycotts of stations pushing such material. "It's their [parents'] right to do so, and if they feel that certain things are damaging to their children, perhaps it is their duty," he said.

The document blasted the media for making pornography and violence available to a vastly expanded audience, including young people and children.

Euro-federalists mount attacks on Thatcher

Did the May 11-14 meeting of the elite Bilderberg Group in Spain resolve to mount a propaganda campaign against British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the "Europe 1992" question? Mrs. Thatcher has been seemingly outspoken in her opposition to the scheme under which all national barriers to the movement of goods, people, and capital will be removed among the 12 member-nations of the European Community.

According to a senior European Bilderberger, the Spain meeting focused heavily on the issue of accelerating the "Europe 1992" integration process. "In the present

situation, we need, more than ever, a united Europe. . . . There was general agreement, that we have to push this forward."

He added, "We spoke to some of Mrs. Thatcher's close friends, who assured us that she is more 'European' than she seems, but who admitted that her harsh words could be a danger."

As the Bilderberg meeting unfolded, Britain saw some of the harshest attacks yet on Mrs. Thatcher from within her own Conservative Party on the matter of "Europe 1992."

Former British Defense Secretary Michael Heseltine, who has ambitions of succeeding her as prime minister, launched an attack on those in Britain blocking full British participation in the plan. Then, on May 15, former Prime Minister Edward Heath, a disciple of the late European integrationist Jean Monnet, attacked Mrs. Thatcher for having said that Britain should not be subject to a "socialist supra-state" in Brussels. Heath said this was "absolute nonsense," and that Mrs. Thatcher would make Britain into a "second-rate power in a second-rate community."

City of London insiders have been reporting growing dissatisfaction with Mrs. Thatcher among those bankers who fear that London's role as primary financial center in the "Europe 1992" context is being threatened.

Meanwhile, leading Tories are already holding Mrs. Thatcher responsible for what are expected to be big Conservative losses in the mid-June elections to the European Parliament.

Col. Aquino's Satanism exposed in Britain

U.S. Lt. Col. Michael Aquino's Temple of Set has 100 members in Britain, and they may be engaged in ritual sex and child sacrifice, according to the *News of the World* Sunday weekly, published in London.

"Set" is one of the ancient Egyptian terms for Satan, or Dionysos.

Aquino was the house guest of one David Austen, the leader of the British chapter of the Temple of Set, who reportedly admits

having witnessed the ritual killing of a baby.

Among the members is one John Widger, a high-level civil servant in Her Majesty's Tax Office who admits that Satanists "worship before altars, are involved in orgies and ritual sex. They feel the need to drink the blood of freshly-killed chickens before they can perform their craft." He went on to say: "I don't feel the urge for that kind of thing yet. I'm still a learner." Another member, while denying that he engaged in sex orgies, commented, "I haven't been involved in any sex sessions yet—but I'm living in hope." Another member is one Julian Clark, the warden at London and Pensionville Prison. Others include students and businessmen.

One member is an actress who claims she got her introduction to witchcraft while at school. She hosted a dinner party at her fashionable apartment, not far from Westminster Cathedral, for Aquino and his "high-priestess" wife Lilith while they were in London.

While in Great Britain, Aquino allowed a British TV program to film the initiation of David Austen into his temple. Austen is reportedly a homosexual and has "666" tattooed on his wrist.

Wakhan Corridor 'does not exist'

Since its 1979 invasion, the Soviet Union has occupied and depopulated Afghanistan's strategic Wakhan corridor, according to a British press report. The Wakhan is a narrow strip of Afghan land that reaches to China, running between Russia and Pakistan.

"It is as if the Wakhan Corridor does not exist," an Italian priest living in Kabul told Britain's *Daily Telegraph* May 15.

"We used to get a regular check from there when they read out the weather report from various parts of the country. Now, there is never anything from the Wakhan and the Pamir [mountains]. I don't think anybody is living there now," he said.

What happened to most of the population is unknown.

The area is extremely sensitive for both the Russians and Chinese, and although the Soviets never formally annexed the Corridor, they occupied it after the 1979 invasion. They forcibly removed the Kirghiz tribe of 5-6,000 people, most of whom died in refugee camps in Pakistan and Turkey. Even the sheep they based their livelihood on have been scattered and destroyed.

Philippines rebels target Americans anew

Philippines communist rebels shot dead two more Americans, a former sea captain and his wife, the weekend of May 13. The killing of Mr. and Mrs. Jobert Ivan was the second attack on American nationals in a month.

U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Platt was quoted May 14 saying that the headquarters of the Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group (JUSMAG), which is now in suburban Manila, will be moved to a safer place following a threat by rebels to attack American military facilities.

Platt said the decision to move the U.S. military headquarters was made in April, after Col. James Rowe, a JUSMAG official, was ambushed and killed. Platt said the JUSMAG would be moved closer to the seaside U.S. embassy in Manila, where security has been tightened.

CIA kidnaping sought to sour Laos-Japan ties

The kidnaping of Mitsui executive Yoshiaki Asao on March 1, according to reliable sources, was a CIA-financed operation aimed at souring relations between Japan and Laos. Japan established diplomatic relations with Laos in 1976, the year after the Communists seized power.

Japan is Laos's largest source of development aid among non-communist countries. In fiscal year 1987, Japan gave \$13.7 million to Laos in official aid. The CIA financed a "Free Lao" commando unit to kidnap Asao in order to destroy Japanese con-

fidence in the Laotian government.

Although officially a businessman and branch manager of Mitsui, Asao also works for Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). Asao was placed in Vientiane by the Nakasone faction of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, to build up friendly ties with the Laotian government. Diplomats in the Laotian capital describe Asao as a "very amiable man" who would always go out of his way to help others.

On March 8, Thai police foiled the CIA operation by rescuing Asao, who was unharmed. Two of the kidnapers were killed in a shoot-out and four others were wounded and later arrested.

U.S., Soviet role seen in Ethiopia coup attempt

U.S.-Soviet negotiations over the Horn of Africa, wracked by border conflicts and ethnic civil wars, are the main element in the recent coup attempt in Ethiopia, intelligence sources report. Former President Jimmy Carter's visit to Ethiopia and its rebel-held Eritrea province at the end of April are seen as notable in this regard.

On May 17, Ethiopian ruler Mengistu Haile Maryam cut short a visit to East Berlin and returned to the country to suppress the coup attempt.

Informed sources report that both the Soviets and the United States have agreed in recent months on regional negotiations in the Horn of Africa involving Sudan, Ethiopia, and Somalia, with the aim of solving local conflicts through the establishment of federal systems. This was the orientation during Carter's visit, which was undertaken on behalf of U.S. Secretary of State James Baker.

Mengistu has been rejecting such pressures and any idea of making concessions to the rebels, and instead unleashed a new military offensive against the Eritreans in April, which ended in a disaster for the Ethiopian Army. Preliminary reports indicate that this created the conditions for Soviet-linked officers to stage a coup against Mengistu.

Briefly

● **YITZHAK SHAMIR**, Israel's prime minister, has threatened to resign if the executive body of his Likud coalition rejects his plan to hold elections among Palestinians in the occupied territories. He said his "peace plan" was deliberately intended to bypass the PLO, and did not mean a softer policy toward the 18-month-old Palestinian uprising.

● **TANKS AND TROOPS** of one of the Soviet Union's elite fighting units headed for home from East Germany May 16, under Mikhail Gorbachov's program of highly publicized "military cutbacks." About 100 young Soviet conscripts whooped and waved as their train, loaded with T-64A tanks, made a ceremonial departure from Jüterborg station south of Berlin.

● **DEATH THREATS** from Peruvian terrorists have caused the head of the Foreign Press Association and several other foreign journalists to leave the country. *EIR's* bureau in Lima is on security alert.

● **AN INDIAN** journalist chastised U.S. senators who accused his country of human rights violations in Punjab. Writing in *Gujarat Samachar*, he said, "The people in Punjab are terrorists. [Lyndon] LaRouche is a former presidential candidate, who has been preaching what Indira Gandhi preached, for a new world economic order."

● **CIRIACO DE MITA** resigned his post as Italy's prime minister May 19. He tendered his resignation at the concluding speech at the Socialist Party conference in Rome.

● **ELLIOTT ABRAMS**, met with Venezuela's President Carlos Andrés Pérez on May 18, and Peru's President Alan García May 19. The former State Department Latin America expert is touring the continent on behalf of Project Democracy.