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'Noriega was overthrown for exposing drug trade'

Argentina's Col. Mohamed Alí Seineldín (ret.), the nationalist military leader, says that Panama's Gen. Manuel Noriega was overthrown because he permitted exposure of the drug trade's financial operations. Panama's *Crítica Libre* newspaper quoted Seineldín saying that the U.S. operation against Noriega was launched when the Panamanian general lifted bank secrecy laws and permitted the exposure of the drug traffickers' financial networks. The quotation appeared in a book on Seineldín and his followers.

The colonel charged that U.S. interests are involved in the Panamanian drug traffic, and that Noriega became an obstacle, which is why he was accused of being a trafficker. Seineldín further ridiculed the hypocrisy of U.S. leaders who claimed to be fighting a war on drugs, while protecting the traffickers.

Scottish human rights activist is honored

Glasgow solicitor John Carroll, who is at the center of a storm of controversy in the Scottish legal community, was given an award on July 27 by the Scottish Council for Civil Liberties (SCCL), for making the most significant contribution to civil rights in Scotland.

"British institutions' days of arrogance towards human rights are over," said Carroll at the award ceremony. Noting that those institutions had long equated civil rights with sedition, he continued: "The principles of human rights have emerged as a force to be reckoned with. . . . It is only a matter of time before the organs of the state are forced to adjust in compliance for the good of us all."

Making the award, SCCL chairman Alan Miller pointed to Carroll's "tenacity and selflessness in seeking justice for those least able to defend their own dignity." The

speeches were prominently covered in the main Scottish newspapers.

Carroll, who as *amicus curiae* has denounced the miscarriage of justice against Lyndon LaRouche, is now the object of a bizarre complaint for alleged professional misconduct by the president of the Supreme Court of Scotland, Lord Hope. That the SCCL chose to make the award at this moment reflects not only the virtues of the recipient, but also what most of the Scottish legal community think of Lord Hope's complaint: that it is vexatious and politically motivated.

Former Stasi chief defends Red Army Faction

Markus "Mischa" Wolf, the former head of the East German Stasi secret service, defended the terrorist Red Army Faction (RAF) as "an alternative way," on German television on Aug. 6. This was in reply to a question put by Günther Gaus, the former West German ambassador to East Germany. Wolf is now living in exile in Moscow, and, despite his claimed conversion to "democratic" principles, is believed to be a coordinator of what intelligence experts call "Operation Trojan Horse"—the effort to infiltrate the West with "former" agents of the KGB and allied intelligence services.

Wolf also said that, contrary to what many might think in view of the collapse of communism in East Germany, he did not consider his life a failure. "No," he said, "the principles will never die, though the people have foolishly thrown away the chance for socialism with democracy and humanism. In my life there have been love and happiness, there are children and grandchildren, and something will remain forever."

Wolf speaks only in riddles and puzzles, and the "children and grandchildren" to whom he refers are not those of his flesh.

Powerfully built and repellently healthy, with that "child molester" look of the Hollywood film star, Wolf exudes self-confidence. He shows flashes of animation only when speaking of Russia and Gorbachov,

for whom he feels boundless respect "given the almost impossible circumstances he labors under."

Khmer Rouge relocates refugees into Cambodia

The Khmer Rouge rebel forces are relocating refugees to sites inside Cambodia, the Bangkok daily the *Nation* reported Aug. 7, from interviews with relief officials. The officials claim that there are indications that the genocidal Khmer Rouge was moving refugees under its control to jungle areas infected with malaria and full of land mines. The Khmer Rouge has already sent thousands of refugees back into Cambodia this year.

Refugee officials and diplomats say the relocation of refugees is linked to diplomatic developments—that guerrilla leaders are attempting to counter the impact of the U.S. announcement that it was withdrawing diplomatic support for the guerrillas' seat at the United Nations, by strengthening their hold on "liberated" zones.

The refugee officials also claim that these moves are related to logging and gem-mining concessions inside Cambodia, sold by the Khmer Rouge to companies in Thailand. More than 1,000 people, for example, are said to have "disappeared" recently from Khmer Rouge camp K in southeastern Thailand, to be hauled into Cambodia to build roads and jungle trails for trucks to carry concessions to the border.

Crisis intensifies in the Dominican Republic

"There are almost no goods in the shops, and there are long lines just to get bread, if you can find it." That description is not of the Soviet bloc, but of the Dominican Republic.

On Aug. 6, President Joaquín Balaguer met with labor and political leaders in an attempt to work out a "social pact" to stave off an explosion, as the government announced it would abide by President Bush's free-trade

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policies. Food subsidies are being eliminated, fuel prices are going up, and protectionist tariffs are being reduced or done away with altogether, which will mean the end of small and medium-sized industries.

The government is indicating its willingness to adopt police-state measures to enforce these policies. On Aug. 6, in a major break with the longstanding Ibero-American tradition of respect for university autonomy, police entered the campus of the national university to put down student protests.

The country continues to suffer daily electrical blackouts of 16 hours or more. Most companies are now entirely dependent on their emergency generators, which are fast breaking down, as they are not designed for constant use. The noise from the thousands of individual generators has brought about a significant increase in neurotic ailments and even psychosis, according to mental health professionals.

Some fear that the crisis might force the octogenarian President to give up most of his powers to Vice President Carlos Morales Troncoso, a life-long employee of Gulf and Western Corp. and a friend of Henry Kissinger.

Executions make Beijing 'safe' for tourist season

Eleven people were executed in Beijing "to make Beijing peaceful, safe, and happy for foreign friends visiting during the Asian Games," the *Beijing Daily* reports.

The city is once more under martial law (not officially acknowledged, of course) in anticipation of street demonstrations during the Asian Games to be held starting Sept. 15, but the Communist Chinese regime is going all out to cover it up. The *Guardian* of London reports that the bullet holes that have pockmarked the façade of the Jianguomenwai diplomatic compound since the Tiananmen Square massacre of June 1989 have finally been filled up, and roads are being repaired to eliminate the track marks of tanks.

The Asian Games will be the biggest

international gathering ever staged in China, with 6,500 athletes, coaches, and officials from 38 countries; 2,700 journalists, and tens of thousands of tourists expected.

Ordinary Chinese will not be able to attend the games because tickets will cost more than an average week's wages. Worse, workers throughout China are having their pay envelopes robbed by the government for "donations" to sponsor the games.

Security is the greatest expense. The press claims there is an "international terrorist" threat, which is being used as an excuse for the reappearance of troops and armored vehicles on the streets. Road blocks have been reestablished at night, and the official *China Daily* reported a "rehearsal" of soldiers armed with submachine guns.

Beijing Mayor Chen Xitong recently proclaimed: "If [police] cannot handle it, we will certainly not rule out the use of the Army. Martial law can be declared if the situation requires it."

Contraceptives in the world food supply?

A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland condemned as "verging on fascism," a proposal by prominent academic Sir Graham Hills, vice-chancellor of the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, that contraceptives be placed in the world food supply to ensure that "all casual sexual encounters would be unproductive."

Sir Graham had written a letter to the *Times* of London, which was published on July 30 under the title, "Case for direct population control." Challenging what he considers the misguided "right to bear children," he declared: "For the protection of the individual, as well as for the protection of the earth, I would therefore suggest that one essential ingredient of milled cereals should be a heat-resistant, contraceptive but otherwise harmless chemical additive. Pharmaceutical companies please note."

Father Tom Connelly stated on July 30, that Sir Graham's comments degraded human nature, removed free will, and "treated human beings as unthinking animals."

● **JAPAN** has offered to help arrange a summit meeting between South Korean and Chinese leaders, if they come to Japan to attend the enthronement of Emperor Akihito in November, according to a Seoul newspaper, *Joongang Ilbo*. The plan is to set up a meeting between President Noh Tae Woo and either Chinese Communist Party leader Jiang Zemin or President Yang Shangkun.

● **THE PONTIFICAL** Theological Academy of Krakow has awarded an honorary degree to Agostino Cardinal Casaroli, for his work on behalf of winning freedom for the Church in Poland. "The figure of Casaroli is tied to the current Pontiff more closely than some would think," according to the June issue of the Italian journal *30 Giorni*.

● **CHINESE** Prime Minister Li Peng arrived in Jakarta, Indonesia on Aug. 6 to sign an agreement resuming diplomatic relations after 23 years. Li will also visit Thailand and Singapore during his trip. It is likely that Communist China and Singapore will establish relations in September.

● **ARIEL SHARON**, the Israeli housing minister, called for deporting the entire Palestinian leadership in the occupied territories "tonight," in a speech Aug. 7 to his Likud Party faction, which followed the killing of two Jews in East Jerusalem, blamed on Arabs.

● **THE BASQUE** separatist guerrilla group ETA should become a legalized political party, the president of the Basque government, José Antonio Ardanza, told the EFE press agency. Ardanza is in effect proposing a general amnesty for all ETA members, who are responsible for at least 600 assassinations. Under a similar formulation, the Colombian terrorist group M-19 was legalized earlier this year, and now has representation in the parliament and a cabinet post.