

International Intelligence

U.S. policy on Yugoslav crisis is 'deadly wrong'

A flood of Austrian media attacks on the U.S. and European Community policy toward Yugoslavia has been monitored since the June 27 intervention of the Yugoslavian Army in Slovenia.

For example, the Vienna *Kurier* daily carried two editorial commentaries on June 28, the first stating: "Wrong, deadly wrong is the approach of the U.S.A. and the EC to Yugoslavia which is merely *kept together* by tank communism. In an amazing blindness, both Bush-Baker and the EC are opting for a forced unity that no longer has any chance. . . . Do the U.S.A. and the EC intend to save a military regime of old Bolshevik generals from bankruptcy, by diplomatic recognition and credits? . . ."

"For the European postwar policy, the Bush-Baker line has undoubtedly reached a new quality: For the first time, the U.S.A. is not standing on the side of the men that are calling for freedom, but on the side of the tanks."

The second *Kurier* commentary charged: "The issuing of a \$300 million loan by the World Bank, which has its seat in Washington, to Yugoslavia exactly at the moment Slovenia and Croatia split from the united state, has a symbolic character. This, too, is to underline the American position: Only a united Yugoslavia is a good Yugoslavia for us."

Thatcher won't keep her seat in Parliament

According to informed U.K. reports, former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's announcement on June 28 that she will not keep her seat in Parliament is a direct reaction to the extraordinary decision by the House of Lords to permit Tiny Rowland's Lonrho company to seek damages for fraud in a contested 1985 takeover of the House of Fraser department store empire by the Al Fayed brothers, Arabian financiers.

According to these reports, "The House

of Lords decision is part of the ongoing purge by anti-Thatcherites among the U.K. establishment. She is known to have been very deeply implicated in the Al Fayed misdeeds. By now her constant ranting against Europe has become a positive liability and the establishment has decided she must be silenced. She will probably spend increasing amounts of time in the United States, where they seem to appreciate her kind of railing more these days."

Concerning Thatcher's activities otherwise, the *Daily Telegraph* of London reported on July 6 that she has been appointed to the post of "eminent adviser" to the "Earth Summit" in Brazil in 1992. She had been offered this position back in April of this year, but only accepted after being urged to do so by Sir Crispin Tickell, former British ambassador to the United Nations and a key architect of "green" policies. The *Telegraph* says Thatcher is angered by current British Prime Minister John Major's refusal to follow up on the "environmentalist" perspective enunciated by Thatcher in her speech before the Royal Society in London in September 1988.

German TV show attacks Helga Zepp-LaRouche

The German TV Channel launched, in its prime-time news broadcast "Tagesthemen" on July 1, an attack on the activities of the Schiller Institute and its founder, Helga Zepp-LaRouche. The program especially targeted Zepp-LaRouche's role as a founding member of the Committee to Save the Children in Iraq, as well as the international political role of her husband, Lyndon LaRouche.

The libel was constructed by Hessischer Rundfunk reporter Harald Feller, whose sponsors can be found among the Anglo-Zionist group tied into the Frankfurt organized crime mafia, as well as those forces who are for a renewed war in the Gulf. Feller attempted to portray the committee as fraudulently raising funds—although he was forced to admit that the Committee to Save the Children in Iraq does not call directly for

money donations. Its actual role has been to alert other groups and individuals to the crisis afflicting Iraq's children, and to mobilize them to undertake relief efforts.

Feller attacked the "LaRouche empire" for "using every opportunity," like campaigning for agriculture in the former East Germany or for nuclear energy. Feller, and those who authorized the sophisticated piece, are evidently furious about one fact in particular—that Lyndon LaRouche "is the man who believes that he is a better President than George Bush."

Will Algiers get the 'Beirut treatment'?

A military communiqué quoted by Algerian television on June 30 said that Abassi Madani, leader of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), and his deputy Ali Behadj, were being held for trial on charges of conspiracy against state security. The arrests mark an escalation of the government crackdown on militant fundamentalists and followed the first prolonged clash in daylight between paramilitary riot police and the Islamic Salvation Front. The *Washington Post* reports that many Algerians now fear that the capital is scheduled for the "Beirut treatment."

The Algerian government press is pointing the finger at Iran and France for fostering the destabilization of the country. On June 30, radio commentator Barhoum Boudmoumaa denounced Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei for proclaiming that the Algerian fundamentalists have learned from the Iranian Revolution. The broadcast noted Iran's role as a de facto ally of the United States in the war against Iraq.

German officials on terrorist hit list

German Finance Minister Theo Waigel and two other key government officials are on a terrorist hit list for assassination in July, according to a secret report of the Bonn Justice Ministry leaked by the daily *Die Welt* on June 28.

Without going into more detail, the article says that Waigel and the two assistant ministers Horst Köhler (finance) and Dieter Kastrup (foreign affairs) are on the hit list for their role in cementing German unity.

According to Red Army Faction terrorist planning material seized by anti-terror experts, Waigel is a special target because of "his role at the last meeting of the finance ministers of the seven biggest industrial nations in Washington, D.C." and because of "the financing of the Gulf war."

Köhler has been the key person to negotiate most of the financial deals between Germany and the Soviet Union, but also Eastern Europe; Kastrup negotiated the foreign policy side of the German treaty with the postwar occupying powers (the "2 plus 4" treaty), as well as bilateral treaties with the Soviet Union and Poland. Both officials have repeatedly been in Moscow on top-secret preparation missions for meetings between Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President Mikhail Gorbachov.

Are Hondurans being forcibly sterilized?

According to charges made by Honduras's main labor federation, foreign companies operating *maquiladoras* (labor-intensive assembly plants) in northern Honduras are forcing female employees to accept birth control injections, in order to save on maternity benefits provided by Honduran law.

According to Luis Vaquedano, head of the Confederation of Honduran Workers, "Periodically, the companies give injections to women between the ages of 25 and 30. We don't know exactly what is in the shot, but it is a medicine to prevent pregnancy." The *Washington Times* of July 5 reported that the women are between 15 and 20 years of age. Some 3,000 women have thus far been involved, and may have been rendered sterile by the procedure. Vaquedano said the women have not protested out of fear of losing their jobs.

Honduran law provides that 40 days before and after delivery of a child be paid for by the employer, as well as on-the-job

breaks for nursing mothers. The Honduran Labor Ministry is investigating the allegations, and the Catholic Church has denounced the alleged practice.

Pope appeals for end to violence in Yugoslavia

Pope John Paul II on June 29 told worshippers in St. Peter's Square, speaking about the assaults against Slovenia and Croatia: "I repeat once again that one must not and cannot suffocate with force the rights and legitimate aspirations of the peoples."

The Pope also sent messages to the Presidents of Slovenia and Croatia and to the President of the Yugoslav Federal Council, Prime Minister Ante Markovic. "I want to state in the most determined way," he said, "the request to suspend the use of force and to create conditions that allow the restarting of dialogue among all the parties in a such a way as to satisfy their legitimate aspirations."

Britain's Major bewails 'excessive immigration'

British Prime Minister John Major, in a startling, racist speech at the summit of European leaders in Luxembourg summit on June 28, called on Europe to build a "really strong and tight perimeter fence," to "stem the flow" of what he called "excessive immigration."

"We must not be open to all comers, simply because Paris, Rome, and London are more attractive than Bombay or Algiers," he said. Warning that the number of immigrants already in Europe was equal to the total population of Belgium, the prime minister called for much greater collaboration among Europe's police forces to curb migration.

The British refugee-support group, Charter 87, denounced Major's speech, stressing that a large number of refugees are legitimately seeking political asylum, not simply wanting to find a "more attractive" place to live.

Briefly

● **ARIEL SHARON**, Israel's housing minister and would-be "new Hitler," stated on June 30, in a reference to Jordan: "The territory is ours, even if another state is currently there. It must be made unequivocally clear that all of Eretz Israel belongs to the Jewish people, even if today de facto, there is a Palestinian state on the eastern banks of the Jordan River. This does not mean we have lost our right to all of Eretz Israel."

● **CHINA** will soon tighten birth control and eugenics programs aimed against minorities, an article in the official *China Daily* suggested on July 3. Until recently, birth control policies have been less strict for minority families, who were allowed to have two to three children, whereas Chinese couples were allowed only one. The minority population has risen 35.5%, compared to 10.8% for the Chinese.

● **KUWAIT** is like a gulag, reveals the Catholic magazine *Il Sabato*. People are tried and condemned to death without evidence or tortured and thrown into mass graves. Officially there are 600 people on trial; Amnesty International monitored 850. A child was condemned to 15 years in prison for wearing a T-shirt with a picture of Saddam Hussein.

● **ALBANIAN** Prime Minister Ylli Buqi was invited to a private audience with the Pope at the Vatican early in July. This was arranged in the context of the reopening of diplomatic relations between them which is to become formal soon.

● **EDUARD SHEVARDNADZE**, the former Soviet foreign minister, and several other Soviet leaders are going to create a new party in September. A spokesman for President Gorbachov welcomed the development, saying, "It is clear the movement is non-confrontational. It inspires cooperation from all those who support perestroika."