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Peruvian House votes to impeach Alan García

Peru's lower chamber of parliament voted on Oct. 3 to impeach former President Alan García as a senator-for-life, charging him with illegally enriching himself during his 1985-89 presidential term. Reuters reports that the issue will now go to the Senate, which must decide by a simple majority whether to have a trial for García; if the Senate upholds the House decision, García will be stripped of his parliamentary immunity and tried by the Supreme Court.

García incurred the wrath of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1985, when he declared that no more than 10% of Peru's foreign exchange earnings would go to pay the debt. "They want to get me because I confronted the IMF," he said on Sept. 23. García, who was forced to testify before congressional investigators without an attorney, maintains that he is innocent of any wrongdoing, and that the charges against him are lies.

No 'promised land' for Soviet Jews in Israel

"Soviet Jews Rue Exodus to Israel," wrote the London *Times* on Oct. 5. Even with reports of an imminent harsh winter in the former Soviet Union, correspondent Richard Beeston writes, "hundreds of recent Soviet immigrants are fighting each other for the chance to return home.

"In scenes which would embarrass and appall even the most loyal supporter of Israel's right-wing government, Soviet Jews unable to find adequate work or accommodation yesterday mobbed Soviet consular officials in an effort to secure the documents for their return journey. The Soviet consular mission, protected from the crowd by private security guards and armed Israeli police, has been inundated with thousands of applications from Soviet Jews."

"When we were shown videos in the Soviet Union by the Israelis of what Israel

would be like, we believed we could improve our lives socially and economically," said a woman from Kiev. "In fact, quite the reverse is true, we have suffered a decline in our standards. Coming here was the stupidest mistake we ever made, and we plan to go back as soon as we can."

"This country is a great disappointment to us," said a man from St. Petersburg. "Our people thought we were going to our motherland. Instead all we have encountered is aggression. Although we had anti-Semitism in Russia, the hostility we encountered here is much worse."

Many Russian Jewish women, mostly highly educated, are turning to prostitution when they get to Israel, as the only way they can earn a living, the *Sunday Times* of London reported Sept. 29. Official estimates put unemployment among Russian immigrants to Israel at 40%; unofficial estimates say it is 75%.

Mass bloodletting in Communist China

Official executions in the People's Republic of China the last week of September reached at least 46, with various pretexts providing a cover for the elimination of political opponents of the regime.

Reuters on Oct. 1 cited provincial press reports in China on the Roman Circus-style "sentencing rallies" and executions: "A court in Kunming, in southwestern Yunnan province, sentenced to death 23 people on Sept. 26 for crimes such as murder, robbery, rape, and sabotaging electric power generators. The men were executed immediately," the Sept. 27 edition of the *Yunnan Daily* said.

"Kunming Communist Party vice secretary Sun Jin gave a speech at the stadium where the open trial was held, calling for an improvement in public order before a local arts festival next year," the newspaper reported.

"In Haikou, in the southern island province of Hainan, a court imposed the death penalty on 16 people for murder and robbery

at a public trial attended by 20,000 people on Sept. 25. The men were taken away for immediate execution," the Sept. 26 edition of the *Hainan Daily* said.

"Seven people were executed in northern Hebei province for robbery and embezzlement on Sept. 27," the Sept. 29 edition of the *Hebei Daily* said. "Sentence is usually carried out by a single bullet to the back of the neck."

French author rips pagan Gaia cult

Alfred Grosser of the Institute of Political Studies in Paris, in an Oct. 3 article headlined "Neither Marx Nor Tarzan!" blasted the Gaia cult as opposed to the "greatness of Judeo-Christian civilization," and charged that its adherents would want us all to be "holding on to trees like Tarzan."

Writing in the daily *Libération*, Professor Grosser continued, "I have the impression that we are in the process, even in France, of going back to a certain deification of nature, of the earth—Gaia. This makes me extremely angry.

"The greatness of Judeo-Christian civilization is to have forged a mankind that is not under the sway of nature. The prodigious development of the sciences and technologies of the West have led to a situation where tens of millions of people no longer know famine nor misery, as occurs on other continents. Conforming to the Bible, man has conceived himself as dominant over nature, and no longer forced to submit to the natural forces in which the Ancients and the Greeks believed.

"There is now a type of deformed neo-Christianity which irritates me: this formula of 'respect for Creation,' instituted as a supreme value by the World Council of Churches, presupposes that there had not been evolution. If we had followed all the people who now say, 'Nature exists spontaneously, we must respect it. . . . We must respect the forest because it is the forest, period,' we would all still have stones in our hands, holding on to trees like Tarzan."

Briefly

Grosser argues that the worst thing to do now, would be to replace a failed Marxism with "ecologism" as an all-encompassing belief-structure.

Shamir is strengthened by Bush Mideast policy

Columnist Aqiva Eldar, writing in the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* on Sept. 24, commented that President Bush's policies toward the Mideast have strengthened the hand of hard-line Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, making it more difficult for any more moderate Israeli faction to gain power.

Among the policies mentioned by Eldar are Bush's decision to postpone for 120 days U.S. loan guarantees for Israeli housing, and the President's rhetorical attacks on the Zionist lobby (see *EIR*, Sept. 27, "Bush's Phony Tiff with Zionist Lobby").

"Bush and Baker," through their crude pronouncements, Eldar complains, "are abandoning the Israeli arena to right-wing elements who consider the peace process a trap to be avoided. . . . As long as the alternative remains Shimon Peres and/or Yitzhak Rabin, one can expect the next [Israeli] election campaign to focus on the personality and policy of George Bush, who appears to be the Likud's only competitor. . . ."

"Surveys in the U.S. forecast an overwhelming victory for Bush in the battle for public support. The way he gains ground in New York and loses it in Tel Aviv, plays into the hands of Shamir and cuts away at the tiny bit of footing still remaining for the opposition."

Colombia suspends talks with terrorists

The Colombian government announced on Oct. 1 that it was calling off the peace talks it has been holding with the narco-terrorists in Caracas, Venezuela. President César Gaviria said that a dialogue with the terrorists "is clearly and simply not possible" at this time. However, presidential peace aide

Jesús Antonio Bejarano clarified that "the peace talks have not been broken off, only suspended."

There has been an escalation of anti-terrorist rhetoric from the government recently, following an unsuccessful attempt against the life of the president of Colombia's former Congress, Aurelio Iragorri. Police investigators said the attack against Iragorri, in which seven people were killed, including his bodyguards, was carried out by ELN narco-terrorist group. Several other attacks by the communist FARC and the ELN have taken place recently in the same area of Cauca.

Despite the postponement of the negotiations, members of the government delegation continued holding informal talks in Caracas with the guerrilla representatives.

KGB report sees rise of populism, fascism

A KGB report that has been leaked by sources in the Supreme Soviet forecasts that the former U.S.S.R. will soon go down the same path as Yugoslavia, toward ethnic and political fragmentation and violence. The report, which has been publicized in the Soviet liberal daily *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, was the subject of an article in the British newspaper the *Guardian* on Oct. 4. It reportedly warns that putschist networks are powerful in the provinces, and that the failure of new political parties to form quickly, has left the way open for "populist and even fascist movements" to gain ground.

Beyond this, as Soviet officials have announced, gold reserves are shrinking while foreign debt is mounting. And, a "hostile environment" could develop around the former U.S.S.R.'s borders. The KGB report also claims that "there is a very real possibility of the center losing control over nuclear weapons."

According to *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, this report has been prepared by the KGB analytical department, headed by Col. Vladimir Rubanov, in cooperation with specialists from the U.S.A.-Canada Institute and the Institute for Europe.

● **ARGENTINE** President Carlos Menem, on a state visit to Israel on Oct. 3, offered to host a Mideast peace conference in Buenos Aires. Menem also supports nullification of the 1974 U.N. resolution equating Zionism with racism.

● **MARKUS WOLF**, the former East German spymaster, was released on bail from the federal detention center at Karlsruhe on Oct. 4. He is under orders to stay at his home in Berlin, report twice weekly to the police, not to have any contact with former Stasi personnel, nor give any interviews or public statements.

● **CANADIAN** Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, in a speech on Sept. 29, called for expanding the role of the U.N. in crises like that in Yugoslavia, and said that Canada would "favor rethinking the limits of national sovereignty in a world where problems respect no borders. . . . Such invocations of the principle of national sovereignty are as out of date and as offensive to me as the police declining to stop family violence simply because a man's home is supposed to be his castle."

● **THE ANTI-DEFAMATION** League was a participant at a Sept. 25-26 meeting in Moscow, "the first international conference on anti-Semitism ever held in the Soviet Union," the *Jerusalem Post* reported Sept. 27. The article claims that "more than half the Soviet people want all Jews to leave the country."

● **CHINESE** Foreign Minister Qian Qichen expressed concern about the rise of Russia's Boris Yeltsin, the *Toronto Globe and Mail* reported. Yeltsin is "a nationalist, rather than a democrat," Qian is reported to have said. "Yeltsin is solid and Gorbachov hollow; Yeltsin is strong and Gorbachov weak; Yeltsin has real power whereas Gorbachov retains his position in name only. . . . Only China is stable."