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Bush's new world order not selling in India

"Heading For a Fall?" was the headline of a column on George Bush by the Washington correspondent of the *Hindustan Times*, N.C. Menon, on May 23. Menon reversed his previous enthusiastic support for President Bush's "new world order."

"No nation, however powerful, can afford to antagonize the entire world if it is to endure," he wrote. "President Bush and other decision-makers in America would do well to recall the old saying: The bigger they come, the harder they fall." Describing the crisis in the U.S. economy, Menon cited the testimony of Deutsche Bank Tokyo economist Kenneth Courtis, telling the U.S. Congress that Japan would succeed the United States as the biggest industrial nation in just five years.

Menon called U.S. trade laws against India a "strange amalgam of arbitrariness, asininity, and effrontery."

Serbian church calls for Milosevic to resign

The Serbian Orthodox Church issued a call on May 28 for Slobodan Milosevic to step down as President of what he calls "the new Yugoslavia," and supported calls by opposition leaders for a boycott of elections for the parliament of the "new" Yugoslavia. Milosevic is the communist ruler of Serbia.

The call read in part: "The Serbian Church ultimately takes exception to and distances herself from this and such authorities and their standard-bearers, from the Constitution which was adopted without the people's consent, as well as from the planned elections."

The statement also criticized the European Community for preparing sanctions against Serbia: "The European Community apparently identifies the Serbian people with the regime which ruled over them and in large part still rules today.

"It would be dishonorable and short-sighted to ascribe to any people, especially

the Serbian people, the evils committed in our days on the part of [Josip Broz Tito's] generals on both sides of the front."

French 'New Right' backs anti-Columbus campaign

The French magazine *Krisis*, edited by "New Right" leader Alain de Benoist, in May published the text of a statement by something calling itself the Guatemala Collective, under the title "Call For a Rediscovery of the Peoples of the Americas of Yesterday and of Today." On the quincentennial of Christopher Columbus's discovery of America, the statement exalts the "500 years of indigenous and popular resistance" of the Indians of America against the "oppression of the Christian West."

This "resistance" declaration was put together at the October 1991 meeting in Guatemala of "indigenous and popular resistance movements" from across the Americas.

De Benoist has called for reshaping Europe so that pagan, "pre-Christian" belief structures are recreated. He is a seminal figure in the European proto-fascistic "New Right" movement.

Guerrillas launch total war in Colombia

While the Colombian government continues its "peace talks" with the terrorists, the war on the ground between the guerrillas and the Army is intensifying day by day. The head of the FARC guerrilla group at the end of May ordered his movement to conduct total war to prevent the capture by the Army of his headquarters in Meta department. On May 19, plans were discovered for blowing up one of the largest Army barracks in the country. On May 20, guerrillas sabotaged economic targets in five departments. On May 21, the ELN group assassinated five people, including four policemen, throwing gasoline on their dead bodies and burning them.

The commander of Colombia's Armed Forces, General Roca, vowed that he will

combat armed subversion until he has succeeded in "eliminating the fighting capability" of the guerrillas' leadership structures.

But President César Gaviria is undermining this drive, stating that victory over the terrorists is not his aim. In the wake of a major Army thrust to clear the Uruba area in northwest Colombia of the FARC, Gaviria flew there and gave several speeches praising the Army. But he also stated that the purpose of the military offensive was not to defeat the guerrillas, but "to convince them that the only possible path is political, abandoning arms, and seeking political power peacefully."

The Colombian Senate approved sending the president of the Senate, Carlos Espinoza, to Mexico to meet with leaders of the two guerrilla groups. And Deputy Interior Minister Héctor Riveros Serrato said that the country wants a peace "in which all win, not the state through force of arms, by means of the military activities of the Army."

Saudis challenge Jordan's Hussein

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd has offered to pay for the restoration of the Dome of the Rock mosque in Jerusalem, through funds paid to Unesco. The move is fraught with political implications for the region.

The mosque, as well as all other Christian and Muslim holy sites in the Occupied Territories, is under the administration of the Ministry of Religious Affairs of Jordan and King Hussein, whose great-grandfather had formerly ruled Mecca and Medina, the Muslim holy cities in what is now Saudi Arabia. The Saudi offer has generated an outcry in Jordan, where it is seen as part of a broader Saudi-Israeli plan to displace the Hashemite Jordanian dynasty's religious role in the territories and elsewhere.

Well-informed Palestinian sources report that the Saudis have also begun to fund Palestinians in the Occupied Territories directly, rather than through the Palestine Liberation Organization in Tunis, as has previously been the case. This action suggests a Saudi effort to build up a non-PLO organi-

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zation in Israel which will cut a deal with Israel. It is also said that the Saudis are negotiating with the Israelis, with the patronage of the United States, to infuse billions of dollars into Israel as part of the deal.

KGB man airs charges on Mattei assassination

The late Enrico Mattei of Italy was assassinated because he was trying to work with the Arabs, U.S. President John F. Kennedy, and the Soviet Union, to break the back of the Seven Sisters oil cartel, charged the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera* on June 1, basing itself on statements by Leonid Kosolov, a former top KGB agent stationed in Italy, and others. Mattei was the president of Italy's ENI oil company.

Kosolov was interviewed on Russian television. He said that the CIA and the "Seven Sisters" gave the orders to kill Mattei, and used the Cosa Nostra to carry out the deed. "In Moscow, Mattei was very much appreciated," according to Kosolov. "We knew he was in danger."

Israel goes wild in Occupied Territories

Palestinian sources tell *EIR* that the Israeli government is deliberately attempting to create total chaos in the Occupied Territories, in the context of moves toward war with Syria, and the situation is already out of control.

Israel imposed a blockade on the Gaza Strip on May 24 after a Gazan Palestinian stabbed a Jewish schoolgirl to death in Bat Yam, near Tel Aviv. Following the incident, a Jewish mob in Gaza stormed a Palestinian school, while in Bat Yam, Jews beat Arabs indiscriminately, shouting "Death to the Arabs." A rabbi in a Jewish settlement in Gaza was stabbed to death, inflaming the situation further.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir gave the green light to vigilante actions against Arabs, telling Israeli television on May 24, "This man, this stabber [who killed

the girl] should have been shot. His shooter would have come to no harm. Murderers should know that they will not escape alive when they deserve death. There are jurists who criticize me when I say this, but this is my view." Shamir also endorsed the Bat Yam Jewish rioters, saying they were acting with "justified rage," even though the rioters had also attacked a dozen Jewish policemen.

Our Palestinian sources ridicule the claim that the purpose of the operations in the Occupied Territories as well as in Lebanon is to ensure the reelection of Shamir in June. They say that the rulers of Israel, who are above parties, have more important, long-term concerns.

German cabinet members denounce death penalty

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, responding to the recent executions in the United States, was quoted by the daily *Bildzeitung* on June 1, saying that "no crime, severe as it may ever be, justifies to be punished by the termination of human life." Kinkel was, until May 18, minister of justice.

Minister of Agriculture Ignaz Kiechle said, "Because one can never rule out miscarriage of justice, I am opposed to the death penalty."

On the Roger Coleman execution, *Bildzeitung* writes, "Also those who used to call loudly for the hangman, turned silent in the case of this execution. No guilty plea had confirmed Coleman's guilt. There was only circumstantial evidence, and doubtful at that. And it was beyond any doubt that Coleman's defense was catastrophically wrong. In spite of that, the 33-year-old man with the glasses and the intelligent, open-minded face, was sent to the chair."

"More than 9,000 protest telephone calls didn't impress the governor of Virginia," *Bildzeitung* wrote, quoting the recent statement of German Labor Minister Norbert Blum that Gov. Douglas Wilder's decision to have Coleman take a lie detector test a few hours before his execution was "barbarism in contempt of man."

● **CARDINAL** Camillo Ruini, president of the Italian Bishops Conference, has asked Pope John Paul II to open a beatification process for Pope Paul VI. More than 200 bishops voted unanimously to request the move. Beatification is the first stage in the process of identifying a saint.

● **VIETNAM AND LAOS** will take the first step toward becoming full members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations during a ministerial meeting in Manila in July. Philippine Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus, in making the announcement on May 29, said that this shows "there is no more future in Southeast Asia but within the ASEAN."

● **OSCAR ARIAS**, the former President of Costa Rica, has joined the chorus of those calling for wrecking the military in Ibero-America. Speaking in Mexico at the end of May, he said that "Latin American countries need to limit the participation by their militaries in political life, or eliminate them altogether, because they are still the main force for destabilization in the region."

● **A CUBAN** government-backed enterprise has brought out a new men's cologne called "Don Gregorio," named for Gregorio Fuentes Betancourt, the boat captain and fishing partner of novelist Ernest Hemingway, the *Washington Times*. Fuentes, now 94 years old, endorsed the new product, telling the Cuban government news agency: "It is as if they had put Papa [Hemingway] and me together in it."

● **SEVENTY PERCENT** of Venezuelans expect a new coup soon, and 81% believe that things are worse now than they were last year, according to a poll reported by the daily *El Nacional*. Forty percent of respondents said they would not vote in the next election; 87% had a dismal view of the economy, and 86% said they were worse off now than they were a year ago.