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South Korea tries to defuse crisis

South Korean President Kim Young-sam arrived in Tokyo on March 24 to start a week-long visit to Japan and China. Before leaving Seoul, he said that he would "seek cooperation from the two nations to solve North Korea's nuclear issue and to help North Korea, which has been isolated from the outside world, to change and open up. The dispute is not just our problem but also concerns stability in East Asia."

South Korean officials are at pains not to further inflame the situation. Despite the North's rhetoric, Korea is not at the brink of war, a South Korean official told the press in Tokyo. "You cannot and should not take North Korean statements at face value. North Korea has always used extreme language."

"President Kim will not try to push North Korea into a corner," the official said. "He wants to help the North come out of its self-imposed isolation and join the mainstream of northeast Asia as a responsible member."

Kazakhstan President plots strategy in London

Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev stirred up the Eurasian geopolitical pot during a visit to Great Britain March 20-23. He met with British Prime Minister John Major and other officials, and delivered an address to the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) on March 22. In that speech, according to the London *Times*, he called for the convening of an Asian security conference, modeled on the 1975 Helsinki meeting that launched the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). He said that 23 nations had already agreed to participate in such a gathering. Such a "Helsinki" process, he said, should bring about a Eurasian "belt of stability and security," premised on "closer economic integration." He called for the Community of Independent States (CIS) to be

transformed into a Euro-Asiatic Union of Sovereign States, modelled on the European Union or the British Commonwealth. In an editorial on March 23, the London *Times* said that Nazarbayev's ideas "merit attention," as a possible alternative to international acceptance of a Russian "peacekeeping" role in the "near abroad." According to the *Times*, such a Eurasian arrangement could engage in joint peacekeeping operations, along the lines of how the border areas between Tajikistan and Afghanistan are now being policed, with joint deployment of Russian and non-Tajik Central Asian units. An arrangement like this would be "well worth testing." While in London, Nazarbayev also announced that Russia would not be granted a share in the Chevron oil-led consortium that is developing Kazakhstan's massive Tenghiz oil reserves. On March 28, Nazarbayev was scheduled to go to Moscow to meet with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

General unhappy with U.S.-Russian maneuvers

Joint U.S.-Russian exercises will only give NATO and the United States a foothold in Asia, wrote Maj. Gen. Viktor Chudov (ret.), in a March 16 commentary in the Russian daily *Pravda*. Chudov analyzed the U.S.-Russian joint exercises, scheduled to be held in Orenburg Oblast, Russia, later this year, as counterproductive to Russian interests.

Holding the exercises in Orenburg is "convenient" for the United States, because it is close to the Central Asian republics, and will give the American military command access to Russian strategic forces and other "installations of military and economic importance," said Chudov, adding that the only purpose of such an exercise on the part of the Russian leadership, could be to prepare for civil war. The general denounced the NATO "Partnership for Peace" as a concept "for naive fools, a cover for another U.S. concept—'Peace U.S.-Style'—and the strategy of world domination."

"Russia does not need the planned exercise," concluded Chudov, "and the presence on Russian territory of any foreign military contingents is unnecessary and harmful. World practice has seen examples of a foreign military legion being stationed on the territory of prostrate and weak states. No one has ever conquered Russia, and it was not and will not be weak. The Americans do not have to teach the Russians how to fight."

Moscow media 'russify' names for CIS republics

The restoration of the Russian empire includes a return to Russian names: The major Russian media have begun to replace the national geographical and other terms of the non-Russian republics of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) by the pre-1990, russified terminology. Thus, Belarus becomes "Byelorussia" again, Moldova becomes "Moldavia," and so forth.

Andrej Matkovsky, the press attaché of the Moscow Embassy in Moldova, is quoted in news reports as saying that "the return of the old names is part of the ongoing wave of Great Russian chauvinism."

Responded Vladimir Stepanyuk, boss of the Moscow Ostankino TV station, which broadcasts in the Russian language across the entire CIS: "What all of this is about is the integrity of the Russian language. . . . No other language can be allowed to dictate its terms to the Russian language."

Cult Awareness Network heavies invade Australia

A heavy roster of brainwashers affiliated with the U.S.-based Cult Awareness Network (CAN) descended on Australia the week of March 21, including Louis Jolyon West of MK-Ultra fame; Bruce Perry from Houston, specialist in child psychology and husband of satanic ritual murder victim Arlis Perry; Robert J. Lifton, American Family Foundation founder and author of *The Psychology of Totalism and Thought Reform*; CAN associate Steven Hasan, au-

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● **MARGARET THATCHER** is being sought as a mediator in South Africa, according to the London *Sunday Times* of March 6. "The choice of Thatcher has support within both parties," the paper wrote. African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela "is known to have a high regard and respect for her," while KwaZulu leader Mangosuthu Buthezi "has pictures of himself with Thatcher in his office."

● **RABBI Shlomo Goren**, a former chief rabbi of the Israeli army, called upon settlers in Hebron to refuse to submit to any attempts by the government to remove them. "They must do what was done in Masada," he said, referring to the Jews who committed suicide rather than surrender to the Romans in A.D. 71.

● **EGYPT AND PAKISTAN** are planning to sign an agreement in April on combatting terrorism and drugs. Pakistani Law Minister Iqbal Haider and Egyptian Justice Minister Farouk Seiful-Nasr will also discuss the possibility of an extradition treaty. Haider told reporters that the agreement would cover "suppressing international terrorism and drug smuggling and bilateral cooperation in arresting terrorists and criminals."

● **THE ALBANIAN** newspaper *Dita Informacion* on Feb. 20 published an article titled "Released From Prison, Presidential Candidate in the U.S.A.: Who Is Lyndon LaRouche?" It summarized his 25-year battle against malthusianism and the International Monetary Fund, and his proposals for solving the crisis, giving more factual information on the candidate than most U.S. newspapers have ever done.

● **COUP RUMORS** in Moscow are part of an elaborate smokescreen to conceal the real shifts in the power situation, according to the Moscow current affairs program "Itogi" on March 20.

thor of *Combatting Cult Mind Control*; Paul Martin, author of *Cult-Proofing Your Kids*; and Margaret Singer.

As *EIR* has documented (see, for example, March 19, 1993, "Cult Awareness Brainwashers, Galen Kelly Exposed at Last"), CAN is a ring of kidnapers and brainwashers. It has been involved internationally in criminal actions against associates of Lyndon LaRouche, among others.

These ghouls are appearing as "expert witnesses" in a case against the Victoria-based Children of God group. Though this is the ostensible reason for their trip, there has been a great deal of emphasis in Australia recently on "political cults." One of the people hyping this alleged new problem is Louise Samways, author of *The Consumer Guide to Cults*, who claims that the "new trend is political cults, cults hiding behind politics." The principal target of the CAN crowd in Australia is the Citizens Electoral Councils (CEC), the Australian branch of the LaRouche movement.

France said to be ready for 'tyranny' in Algeria

The crisis in Algeria is becoming so desperate that the French political elite is now cold-bloodedly prepared to do anything to "stabilize" the situation, even if that means a "tyrannical" regime, a senior adviser to the French Defense Ministry and expert on African affairs told *EIR* on March 24.

He said the situation had become absolutely intolerable, after two Frenchmen had their throats cut by Islamic extremists that week. Advisories have been issued by the French authorities, that French nationals living in Algeria make arrangements to leave the country. On March 23, a crisis meeting was held, under the auspices of French President François Mitterrand, and involving Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, Foreign Minister Alain Juppé, and Defense Minister François Léotard.

Said this source: "We have now come to a crucial turning point. Until now, the French consensus was to allow a peaceful,

democratic solution. But if that means Algeria will become completely unstable, the French view is to prefer a stable arrangement, even if it is tyrannical. Any kind of arrangement that really stabilizes the situation is better than one where Algeria moves out of control, and where there is a flow of refugees into France."

The idea that is now taking shape is to bring the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) to power. "The FIS is the only partner that will stabilize Algeria," said the source, pointing out that a FIS leader had promised that if the FIS came to power, "we would call the French Muslims back to Algeria"—a reference to French concern over Algerian immigrants. "What is shaping up may not be nice in terms of morality," said the source, "but in North-South relations these days, questions of demographics and migrations take precedence over everything else."

Malaysians reject anti-Semitism charge

Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said that accusations that the Malaysian government was anti-Semitic, following its banning of the movie *Schindler's List*, were unfounded. "We have consistently condemned all forms of atrocities, past and present, be they by the Nazis against the Jews, the Zionists against the Palestinians or the Serbs against the Bosnians," Anwar said in a press statement on March 26.

Isi Leibler, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, had charged that "the Malaysians have exposed themselves as primitive racists." The Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center said, "We are saddened but not surprised by this deplorable decision, which is in keeping with the long-standing anti-Semitism expressed by the prime minister of the country."

Anwar has said Malaysia would review the ban (it was eventually lifted on March 30), but added that the government would reserve its right to ban films that are pornographic and religiously offensive.