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Prince Philip's Nazi ties exposed

The Nazi ties of Britain's Prince Philip make a farce of his bemoaning the Holocaust while recently in Israel, charged an article in the British magazine *Private Eye* the week of Nov. 14.

"How poignant to hear Prince Philip, who recently accepted a rare Israeli honor on behalf of his late mother, talk of his shock on learning about Nazism at school," the magazine commented. "Philip, as usual, was being modest! He need only have asked sister Sophie, who also attended the ceremony: Her first husband, Prince Christophe of Hesse, was one of Goering's top officials as head of Forschungsamt, the Nazis' GCHQ-equivalent. Christophe's brother, Prince Philip of Hesse, also an intimate of Goering's, was also a high-ranking SS man. And Prince Philip himself attended the funeral of another brother-in-law, the Grand Duke of Hesse. The *Times* of 24 November, 1937, recorded: 'There were present detachments of the Armed Forces and the National Socialist Party . . . among the mourners Prince Andrew and Princess Andrew of Greece and their son Prince Philip.' "

Franco-British defense ties at 'all-time high'

Britain's relations with France have never been so good, declared British Prime Minister John Major in an interview with the French daily *Le Figaro* published on Nov. 18. Asked whether Britain and France are on the road to reestablishing an Entente Cordiale, Major responded: "Yes, I believe so. As I had already stated during the London summit, in July 1993, I don't remember, at any time throughout my existence, that the British-French relationship was so good. The range and the vigor of the cooperation between our two countries is remarkable. Take the case of Bosnia: Our military and political cooperation there is exemplary."

Le Figaro commented that military collaboration between the two countries is at

an all-time high. The two navies have joint daily operations. Green Berets and French paratroopers have joint military training programs. Some 30 officers and 20 French engineers are currently at military academies in England, while a similar number of Britons are undergoing similar training in France. In the area of weapons production, as many as 22 joint programs are under way.

The main issue of the current Franco-British summit in Chartres, is upgrading Franco-British collaboration on matters of defense, according to a report in the daily *Le Monde* on Nov. 18. Patrice de Beer wrote that the British, who have always opposed the idea of a European defense, are all of a sudden acquiescing, because of President Clinton's decision to break the U.S. special relationship with Britain. "The American attitude in Bosnia is, in the eyes of France, one more reason to justify the need of a European defense initiative," wrote De Beer. "Great Britain had for a long time kept away from this concept, but its reservations seem to be slowly dwindling away. The Bosnian crisis has merely accentuated a certain evolution of the relations between London and Washington." "The United States is loosening its ties to the British, and this is such a cultural shock that they refuse to admit it," said a French observer.

Mandela credited for progress in Angola

Angola's government and UNITA rebel forces signed a truce halting nearly two decades of civil war on Nov. 15, and said it took effect 24 hours after the signing. The efforts of South African President Nelson Mandela are widely credited with helping to achieve the breakthrough. Mandela was quoted from Pretoria, after returning to South Africa from a mini-summit on Angola in the Zambian capital of Lusaka: "We were informed by Angolan President José Eduardo dos Santos that he is ready to declare a cease-fire."

Meanwhile, Radio South Africa reported on Nov. 8 that there have been several assassination threats against Mandela in recent weeks. The broadcast noted that police

are taking every possible step to prevent an unknown man from carrying out his threat to kill Mandela. The most recent threat was delivered following the assassination of former Dutch Reformed Church moderator Prof. Johan Heyns. No one has yet claimed responsibility for that murder. Calls have been received saying that Mandela is next in line to be assassinated. Security for the President has been increased.

European backers of Zapatistas attack MSIA

The leftist Mexican daily *La Jornada*, a mouthpiece for the Zapatista National Liberation Front, published an ad on Nov. 16, signed by tens of European human rights organizations, which denounces "ominous attacks, slanders, and aggression by certain sectors of Mexican society" against Samuel Ruiz, the bishop of San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas. Named as the perpetrators of this alleged aggression are the San Cristóbal Civic Front (area producers and businessmen) and the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA, co-thinkers of Lyndon LaRouche).

Ruiz, a schismatic advocate of the Theology of Liberation, is a founder and protector of the Zapatista guerrillas, who launched a separatist uprising in Mexico on Jan. 1, 1994.

Among the signers of the ad are the Oscar Romero Solidarity Committees of several European nations, named for the pro-terrorist bishop of San Salvador who was slain several years ago. Also included is Pax Christi of Düsseldorf, Latin American Christians Abroad (Belgium), Ecumenical Assistance Service (France), El Salvador Awareness-Casa Romero (Ireland), and Caritas of Switzerland. Several religious organizations also signed, representing Franciscan and Dominican fathers. The largest delegation of groups is from Spain, and includes entities linked to the Communist Party.

The ad states that the signator groups wish to express their support for Samuel Ruiz who "as an authentic pastor has for 35 years defended the life, culture, rights and

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just aspirations of the Indians." Praising Ruiz's work as mediator with the Zapatistas, the ad demands that federal authorities launch "a serious investigation" to put an end to the attacks so that negotiations can go on to achieve "peace with justice and dignity."

New appointments made to European Commission

The European Union has approved a new slate of commissioners, who will take office when Jacques Delors's presidency of the EU expires this winter, according to the French government's newsletter *News from France*.

Former French Prime Minister Edith Cresson will be responsible for all questions regarding research, training, and competition. She called for integrating research and training more closely with the real needs of European industry. She will be working in association with Germany's Martin Bangemann, who will assume the industrial, electronics, and telecommunications portfolios of the European Union.

Frenchman Yves-Thibault de Silguy has been named to head all economic and monetary negotiations for the EU. He is currently a special adviser for European Affairs in the cabinet of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur.

Netherlands trains 'suicide assistants'

A new profession has been created in the Netherlands: "suicide assistant." Not only are doctors now allowed to kill their patients, or give them deadly drugs to kill themselves: In the future, suicide assistants, will be trained to assist any person—sick or healthy—in terminating his or her own life. The city of Alkmaar will be the first to offer "education" for this "profession."

The initiative comes from the Humanist Association, which convinced the town's professional school to include the course in their curriculum.

The head of the Humanist Association,

the mis-named Mr. Hilarius, declared that everybody has the right to decide whether he wants to live or die. "Until today, people who wanted to end their lives have not been taken seriously. Everybody tells them they should stay alive. The wish to die is being denied. We want to respect this wish." According to Hilarius, it is irrelevant that people's wishes to commit suicide are often linked to depression and other psychological problems. Psychologically unstable people should have the right to commit suicide just like anybody else.

Hilarius doesn't fear that suicide assistants will run into trouble with the law. "People must commit suicide by themselves. The assistants can be there, but are not allowed to intervene. They can only provide the suicide candidate with the necessary information about how to kill himself in the best way."

Brazil's Franco rejects interference in Amazon

Brazilian President Itamar Franco warned on Nov. 16 that there are "interests foreign to the Amazon community" which "have always tried, continue to try, and will probably keep trying to transform the wealth of that region into a type of reserve for their exclusive future use." The President was speaking at a meeting with the National Council for the Amazon, according to the daily *Jornal do Comercio*.

Speaking while U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry was in the country, Franco added that "nation-states have the right to repel any interference in their affairs." Collaboration among sovereign nations is desirable, he said, "but should always be based on this principle. . . . We cannot allow sovereign and political decisions to be subordinate to foreign dictates."

The President reported that Brazil has much to offer in terms of the resources of the Amazon, and it would be "selfish to think that these natural resources should be exclusively ours. We wish to offer them to all of humanity, but it should be understood that this does not imply a transfer of sovereignty or a violation of our dignity."

● **CHINESE PRESIDENT** Jiang Zemin said on Nov. 18 that China is willing to hold high-level talks with Taiwan on reunification, but that these must take place only on a bilateral basis. "We believe that high-level meetings are conducive to the peaceful reunification of China," Jiang's spokesman said.

● **THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT** voted by a substantial majority to legalize so-called "soft" drugs, and one out of four parliamentarians confesses to taking them, according to the daily *Algemeen Dagblad* on Nov. 18. Most of the parliamentarians who said they had never taken drugs themselves, said they had nothing against others doing so.

● **QUEEN ELIZABETH** announced that she and Prince Philip would pay South Africa a state visit next March, her first to the country in nearly 50 years. The announcement came in the monarch's traditional speech at the State Opening of Parliament. Buckingham Palace later announced that Princess Anne would make an official visit to South Africa in November, and would meet with President Nelson Mandela.

● **THE ANTI-AMERICAN** mood among British policymakers is probably on a level unprecedented since the Second World War, a senior Russian strategist just returned from London reported to *EIR*. He characterized U.S.-British relations as "very bad," and said that British Foreign Office operatives were "extremely angry" at President Clinton, to an extent that shocked him when he heard their outbursts.

● **AN AUSTRALIAN SPY** sold secrets to the KGB, according to a new book reviewed in the Australian daily *Herald Sun*. In an exclusive interview, former KGB Gen. Oleg Kalugin said that "the spy passed documents for money and did not appear to be motivated by ideology."