

International Intelligence

British worried about Vatican-Islamic alliance

The British oligarchy is very concerned that the "Vatican and Islamic countries" are becoming locked into a "bitter dispute" with the other participants at the upcoming U.N. Women's Conference in Beijing. An article in the June 28 *Times* of London entitled "Anti-Abortion Drive Threatens U.N. Women's Summit," reported that British politicians and aid agencies fear that the Vatican's insistence on an emphasis on motherhood rather than sexual rights "could undermine the spirit of the Peking [Beijing] gathering and even reverse the achievements of the Cairo conference last year."

The *Times* quoted Baroness Gould of Potternewton, a member of the Council of Europe's delegation to the conference, "I think there will be a really fierce and serious debate about family planning and abortions . . . which could undermine all the work done at Cairo." Referring to the Vatican's attempts to get the words "the right to life itself" inserted in a section of the document on the rights of girls, Baroness Gould said: "We have a real battle to make sure those words do not get in the document. The fight won't stop at Peking—when we come back, the challenge is how we implement and interpret the plan."

An aide to Baroness Lynda Chalker of Wallesey, Overseas Development Minister (i.e., Minister for the British Empire), said that Chalker "will make every effort to assure that the language of Cairo will not be undermined."

Meanwhile, Msgr. Diarmuid Martin, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and head of the Vatican's delegations to the U.N.'s conferences at Cairo and Copenhagen, as well as among the leadership at the New York preparatory committee for Beijing, told the Catholic Press Association convention in Los Angeles on June 2 that the Vatican "does not go to conferences to cause controversy," as CNN charged at Cairo, but to be a "witness to the fact that social policy can only be based on respect for an integral vision

of the human person." His remarks were published in *Origins*, CNS Documentary Service, on June 22.

He said the term "solidarity" is helpful for grasping the church's role at these meetings, and that this should be contrasted with the "individualist" and "isolationist" views which predominated at Cairo and Copenhagen.

Schiller Institute delegation in Croatia

Michael Liebig from *EIR* Wiesbaden (Germany) and Elke Fimmen from the Schiller Institute visited the Croatian city of Split in mid-June.

Liebig spoke in the public meeting hall of the Liberal Party in Split, on "The Real Motives of British Politics in the Balkans," to about 60 members of the city's elite. Both the British and the German honorary consul attended the meeting, as well as Split radio and a journalist from *Slobodna Dalmacija*.

Liebig explained that there does not exist something called "the West." Instead, there always was a cleft between continental Europe and Great Britain, "that Protestant island out in the Atlantic," as Charles de Gaulle used to call it. He went through the features of British rule, going back to Venice, which had also strongly dominated that part of the Adriatic Sea. He explained why in 1989 the British had nightmares when communism collapsed and why they acted to set the Balkans war into motion. Developing the fundamental rift between Clinton and the British, the change in French politics, and the defeats for the British on the financial front, he concluded that this defines a much better chance in the future for both Croatia and Bosnia to act than ever before.

In the Croatian capital of Zagreb, a Schiller Institute seminar was held, where Liebig was joined by Dr. Josef Miklosko from Slovakia and Croatian-Canadian Steve Crkovic. Before about 40 people, Dr. Miklosko appealed for help to reverse the witchhunt against the LaRouche movement

in the United States. Crkovic presented a paper by Lyndon LaRouche on his creative discovery, which he has translated into the Croatian language.

Colombian MSIA leader receives death threat

On June 27, Maximiliano Londoño Penilla, president of the Colombian chapter of the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA), received a death threat in Bogotá. The threat, the third made against Londoño in the space of a month, was transmitted by phone at approximately 8:15 p.m., to his home. A male voice asked if "this were the home of Maximiliano Londoño." He then threatened, "Tell him to shut up. Or doesn't he care about his wife and children?"

A week earlier the MSIA leader had received another threat by mail. It consisted of a book of condolences known in Colombia as *sufragio*, lamenting his death. Previously, in the early morning hours of April 23, an anonymous caller delivered a threat by phone: "Tell Maximiliano Londoño Penilla to watch out, because we're going to make ground meat out of him."

In a press release issued June 28, the MSIA reported that so far this year, a dozen incidents have directly threatened the existence of the organization, and its leaders and members in Colombia. These include burglaries and assaults on members and their homes, attempted robbery of vehicles, and failed attempts to break into the MSIA's office.

The campaign to silence the MSIA intensified a month earlier when Colombia's National Electoral Council decided to revoke the MSIA's status as a legally constituted organization.

The MSIA has distinguished itself inside and outside Colombia as the most implacable voice against the drug trade and its terrorist allies. Over the past two months, in which the issue of the battle against the Cali drug-trafficking cartel has shaped the decisions of Colombian President Ernesto Samper Pizano, Londoño Penilla has issued

various concrete proposals, based on American statesman Lyndon H. LaRouche's thinking and program to definitively eradicate drug trafficking and narco-terrorism.

Londoño stated: "Should anything happen to me or my family members or associates as a result of this escalating harassment and threats, this will have profound national and international repercussions, in terms of measuring the real political will of the Samper government to fight against narco-terrorism. Let me reiterate that I trust that President Samper will give instructions to the appropriate security agencies, all of which have received detailed reports on these threats, to insure that the MSIA can freely carry out its political activities."

Moscow newspaper highlights LaRouche

"Lyndon LaRouche in Moscow" was the headline of a page 2 article in the issue of the Moscow newspaper *Zavtra* (Tomorrow) for the second week in June. Author A. Baturin summarized one of LaRouche's public appearances in the Russian capital the week of June 5, with an emphasis on "the huge 'bubble' ('pyramid') of financial derivatives, ready to pop now."

Baturin provided his own gloss on LaRouche's briefing: "The intellectual elite in the West was never of one mind. . . . From time to time, political mobilizations of the economy, connected with wars or crises, made it possible to concentrate resources in promising long-term directions, to carry out a structural maneuver, to raise the overall efficiency of the economy. But then control reverted to the financial oligarchy, the political elites were corrupted . . . growth rates fell."

The latest survival ploy of the oligarchy, Baturin elaborated, is the "Conservative Revolution" of Karl Popper and Friedrich von Hayek, the ideology of which was developed by the Club of Rome with its notions of "limits to growth" and "post-industrialism."

LaRouche's presence in Moscow "to

give a whole cycle of lectures," said the *Zavtra* article, "should have attracted the attention of all our strategic opposition [people], who are genuinely interested in searching for alternative paths of development."

Zavtra is the successor of *Den* (Day), the National Salvation Front-linked newspaper shut down in October 1993. Apart from its political affiliation, *Zavtra* has become widely read and respected in Russia as a source of political intelligence and criticism of economic policy.

Red-Green alliance set back in Frankfurt

In spite of combined efforts of Germany's Social Democrats (SPD) and the Greens (who did not even present a candidate of their own), their candidate, incumbent Mayor Andreas von Schoeler lost the June 25 elections in Frankfurt am Main. Von Schoeler received only 45.9% of the vote against his Christian Democratic challenger, Petra Roth, who won with 51.9%.

Von Schoeler's SPD and the Greens still hold the majority of seats in the municipal parliament of Frankfurt, which is up for vote in spring 1997. Early mid-term elections were called because several SPD members voted against a Green party candidate pushed by von Schoeler for a key municipal post. In a fit of pique, von Schoeler called these dissidents "pigs" and called elections for mayor, the first by direct vote.

A catalyst in the elections was the candidacy of Michael Weissbach, an ally of Lyndon LaRouche. He defined the usurious Frankfurt-based bankers and their international monetarist collaborators, the Greens, and the organized crime networks as the enemy in the campaign. Elements of that were at least verbally used also by Roth.

The high voter turnout, 55.8%, and the parallel erosion of the SPD's electoral base, shows that voters wanted to oust von Schoeler. He had been a longtime enemy of the LaRouche movement in Germany, along with his wife, Ulrike Holler, a senior editor at the Hesse state radio.

Briefly

● **BURMA** will receive upgraded anti-drug cooperation from the U. S., Lee Brown, director of the White House Office of Drug Control Policy, announced on June 21. The June 22 *Los Angeles Times* story says the U. S. holds that Burma is the single largest source of heroin and opium in the world, largely attributed to warlord Khun Sa, whose operations have been the target of a recent full-scale offensive by Burma's military government.

● **A PALACE COUP** took place in the Persian Gulf state of Qatar on June 27, with the son of monarch Sheik Chalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani taking power. Qatar has been playing a mediating role between Iraq and other Arab states.

● **UGANDAN** dictator Yoweri Museveni, who runs threats against neighboring Kenya, Burundi, Sudan, and Zaire on behalf of the British, is displaying his political weakness. The constituent assembly, mostly Museveni stooges, on June 20 rejected any immediate return to multi-party democracy and ruled out multi-party elections for at least five years.

● **'AVVENIRE,'** the Milan Catholic paper, ran an article on June 24 exposing the complicity between the drug cartel and the permanent high officials at the U. S. Department of Justice. The article targets Michael Abbell and his cohort John Keeney, among those identified in *EIR's* June 30 *Special Report* on the overdue DOJ cleanup.

● **BENAZIR BHUTTO**, the Pakistani premier, will ask the British government if they intend to permit self-exiled MQM leader Altaf Husain "to use their territory for inciting an armed insurgency in Karachi," she said in an interview with Voice of Germany. The MQM has promoted drug-gang warfare in Karachi. Her remarks were reported June 27 in the *Times of India*.