

# International Intelligence

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## ***Civil war scenario nearer in Brazil***

The danger of escalating violence, perhaps leading to civil war, has been heightened in Brazil by President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, who just expropriated a quarter of a million acres from what wire services call "Brazil's land barons," to distribute among families belonging to the narco-terrorist Landless Movement, or MST. The MST is an appendage of the São Paulo Forum's Workers Party (PT). Legislation has also been presented in Congress to facilitate future expropriations.

On Oct. 31, MST national coordinator Gilberto Portes de Oliveira warned that the group intends to extend its land invasion actions to such states as Rio Grande do Sul, Para, Pernambuco, and Mato Grosso do Sul. On the same day, Celio Romero, the vice-president of the Presidente Prudente Rural Union, accused the government of favoring the MST. Landowners are becoming desperate at the fact that the government "is not carrying out its constitutional duty to protect the rights of rural landowners," Romero said; and that is why, landowners are joining together to hire private security agencies to protect their land."

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## ***Küng calls for eliminating God***

God must be eliminated, for reasons of religious correctness, Hans Küng stated at an "ethics" symposium on the weekend of Nov. 4-5 at the Evangelical Academy in Tutzing, Germany.

Küng is a Catholic theologian whose teachings have been denounced by the Vatican. He recently formed the World Ethos Foundation for Intercultural and Interreligious Research, Education, and Dialogue, a project he wants to "overcome the nation-state," replacing it with a "one world" based on "pluri-culturalism," "pluri-ethnicity," and "polytheism."

Küng demands a "post-modernist" paradigm shift for a world with—as he said—

ever-shrinking resources. In order to achieve that goal, Küng is willing to sacrifice the term "God," since it allegedly is an "insult" to other religions. Küng's World Ethos project is based on earlier documents of the World Parliament of Religions, which were signed by Tibet's Dalai Lama as well as other New Age advocates. Support for the project comes from Britain's Prince Philip's World Wide Fund for Nature, too.

So far the main financial sponsor of the project is Count Karl von Groeben, a sales agent for Coca Cola in Germany.

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## ***Greenpeace declares war on water for Spain***

In a particularly blatant demonstration of its genocidal aims (and anti-scientific lunacy), Greenpeace has come out against five desalination plants which are planned to be built in Spain, which is suffering a severe water crisis.

According to *El Mundo* of Nov. 9, following the announcement by the Public Works Ministry, that five large desalination plants are to be built in Andalusia, Greenpeace Spain put out the following communiqué: "The Public Works Ministry is trying out a new scam, riding on the back of the present drought. The desalination plants, which are actually electric power plants, are being hidden behind the myth of unlimited drinking water, distracting people's attention and deviating resources, away from the need to stop wasting water.

"The drought, is the harbinger of a climatic change, produced by CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The planned electric plants will only produce more CO<sub>2</sub> gas."

In Andalusia, the once-mighty Guadalquivir River runs at 7.35% of capacity. The Guadalete reservoir is a terrifying sight of scorched earth and cracked lodes, at 2% capacity; the Barbate reservoir is at 0.2% capacity.

Will people die of thirst? In Western Asturias, formerly a rain zone, civil defense teams have been trucking 6,000 liters of water per day to the villagers in 40 different sites. Irrigation is allowed only once a week

in Huesca and Salamanca.

In Avila, where it has not rained for five years, there are already seven hours of water cuts a day. Pamplona, another rainy northern area, has just announced water cuts.

A Toledo farmer, D. Francisco Fernandez Iniesta, of Quintanar de la Orden, committed suicide after digging a 115 meter deep well which proved to be dry. He had put his last 2 million pesetas, his entire savings, into digging the well.

The president of the Hydrographic Confederation of the South, Hilario López Luna, has put out a press release, calling for a "transnational network of water transfers" from the Rhine and Rhone. Spain, he said, "is no longer in a position to supply its people with the public service of water from its own resources."

Public Works Minister Josep Borrell said the same on a radio interview in mid-November.

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## ***European strike wave hits privatizations***

A pattern of nationwide strikes in European countries can be observed, all against privatization plans in the public sector, budget cuts in social welfare, and other aspects of austerity policies.

In Spain, airline pilots are staging three nationwide protest strikes of two days of action each, on Nov. 13-14, Nov. 23-24, and Nov. 28-29.

Following protest actions in France in the transportation and public services sectors on Nov. 15, there will be a day of nationwide protest on Nov. 28, organized mainly by the Labor Front, one of the biggest labor federations. The General Confederation of Workers is expected to join this strike. Employees and pilots at Air France are also to resume their protest against government plans to privatize the airline.

In Belgium, the railway and other public service sectors have repeatedly been hit by protest strikes. The State railway company, which wants to lay off 25% of its 40,000 employees, has especially been a target.

In Hungary, a nationwide strike of em-

ployees and workers in the power sector is expected, against a large privatization project that will shut down many "inefficient" regional and local utilities. In the Czech Republic, doctors and nurses just concluded a series of strike actions, protesting against plans of the government for in-depth privatization and deregulation.

A similar situation is shaping up in wealthier Germany, where the government wants to impose a strict ceiling on hospital costs beyond 1996. In Poland, the strike ferment has just been kept on hold for the period of the Presidential elections, ending Nov. 19.

In Austria, 15,000 farmers took to the streets of Vienna on Nov. 13, to protest the twofold shock of the transformation into the European Union agricultural policy, and the government's delay of crucial payments to the farmers.

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## ***EIR cited on British ties to Mattei's death***

For the second time this year, the Italian daily *L'Unità* cited *EIR's* exposé of the British intelligence role in the 1962 assassination of Enrico Mattei, the founder of Italy's national oil company ENI.

The article, published Oct. 26, reports that "already in 1992, the international conference organized by the Schiller Institute and by *Executive Intelligence Review* had called for re-opening the investigation" of Mattei's death. "Their reconstruction puts under scrutiny the British secret services and *rogue wings* of the CIA, representing a conspiracy analogous to the one that killed Kennedy." The article lists the *EIR* analysis as one of three "hypotheses, not necessarily in conflict with each other." The second one comes from Mafia witness Tommaso Buscetta, who insists that the Mafia killed Mattei under orders from the "Seven Sisters" oil multinationals.

The third hypothesis, formulated "by the Mattei family, calls for investigating in Italy and not abroad where, with Kennedy's help, Mattei was to conclude an agreement with the Seven Sisters." Mattei's nephew

Angelo points to the role of "a former minister and a prominent representative of the Italian financial world."

After the positive results, earlier this year, of the examination conducted on a few pieces of Mattei's plane, the forensic laboratory test requested by Pavia prosecutors on Mattei's body, has also come up positive, corroborating the theory that a bomb could have been placed in the landing gear of Mattei's plane.

Mattei's twin-engine jet crashed over a tiny village near Milan's Linate airport on Nov. 22, 1962, shortly after the pilot communicated the start of the landing maneuver to the control tower. The crash was officially blamed on "bad weather."

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## ***Bankers' spokesman demands Aristide stay***

The president of the pro-drug legalization bankers' think-tank, the Inter-American Dialogue, Peter Hakim, is demanding that the Clinton administration agree to let Jean-Bertrand Aristide, of the narco-terrorist São Paulo Forum, remain as President of Haiti after his term expires in December.

In an op-ed published on Nov. 8 by Argentina's *La Nación*, Hakim writes that the U.S. government is rightfully concerned about the fragility of constitutional order in Haiti, and it doesn't want to give fodder to those who see Aristide as "an aspiring dictator ready to perpetuate himself in power." But, writes Hakim, "regardless of whether [Aristide] is committed to democracy or not, he continues to be extremely popular and would win any elections in a landslide."

While the United States should continue to press for the liberalization of Haiti's economy, including privatization of State industries, it should not condition basic aid—for health, education, conservation, etc.—to those reforms, he says. Finally, writes Hakim, the U.N. peacekeeping troops, which include 3,000 U.S. soldiers, should remain in Haiti past March 1, when their mandate expires, "as a precaution in case of a new cycle of violence, whether political or criminal."

# Briefly

● **RUSSIAN** President Boris Yeltsin, in his first interview from the hospital, said Nov. 14 he "wants" the Dec. 17 State Duma elections to take place, but avoided making flatly stating that they will. A statement made the day before by Yeltsin's parliamentary adviser fueled speculation that Yeltsin might let the elections take place, and then find a pretext for annulling them.

● **AFGHANSI** terrorist networks might be tied to the bombing in Saudi Arabia Nov. 13 which killed five American servicemen and a Filipino, the London *Independent* suggested Nov. 14. These networks, recently exposed in an *EIR Special Report*, are described by the *Independent* as: "religiously inspired young men who went to fight communism in Afghanistan and received training in arms and explosives from the CIA and other western intelligence services."

● **LORD** Peter Carrington, formerly NATO secretary general, will be among western has-beens getting engaged in a new "Transatlantic Commission" project, along with Swedish tycoon Pehr Gyllenhammar, Peter Sutherland (ex-GATT), Edzard Reuter (ex-Daimler Benz), Jacques Delors (former head of EU Commission), Howard Baker (formerly in Reagan White House staff), and David Anderson (Aspen Institute).

● **INKATHA** leader Dr. Mangosuthu Buthelezi was among those who had to be evacuated from an awards ceremony because of a bomb scare at the Gallagher Estate in Johannesburg Nov. 7, South African radio reported.

● **YITZHAK RABIN** was called a "reluctant peacemaker" in an article in the *Jordan Times* Nov. 6, by Michael Jansen. He believes that "Rabin was reluctant to take firm action against the messianic and ultra-nationalist settlers . . . reluctant to engage in battle with Israel's own 'terrorist' right. If Rabin had redirected the attention of Israel's formidable security apparatus to 'Jewish terrorists' he might be alive today."