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Kinnock seeks 'Marshall Plan' approach to East

Neil Kinnock, European Union transport commissioner and former head of the British Labour Party, called for Europeans to take an approach similar to the postwar Marshall Plan, to build up the economies of eastern Europe so that they could join the EU, the London *Financial Times* reported Nov. 28. He was speaking at a private conference sponsored by the German Siemens corporation in London on Nov. 24. He also spoke against a too-rapid and too-rigid approach to applying the Maastricht Treaty criteria for monetary union in western Europe.

"I continue to believe that employment, investment, and productivity should be taken into account, if not as formal criteria then as measurements of real strength," Kinnock said. While supporting the EU intention to offer full membership to 10 central and eastern European nations, Kinnock opposed the current EU economic strategy.

The western nations must, he said, "take an approach to the east that is similar to that taken towards the war-ruined economies of Europe in the 1940s and 1950s." He contrasted the policies of that period—which included suspension of full currency convertibility for 10-12 years, a combination of protectionism and import promotion, state-funded reconstruction of basic industries, and \$300 billion in grant aid over four years—with the current policies, which include a rush to convertibility, a commitment to free trade with no demands on industrial policy, and total aid, including that only "committed," of \$85 billion since 1989.

Algerian general's death may be warning to Zeroual

A senior Algerian military officer, Gen. Mohammed Boutighane, the commander of the coast guard, was assassinated in the Birmandries suburb of Algiers on Nov. 28. Although press reports attributed the assassination to Islamic militants, senior Algerian

sources point to a possible internal power struggle in the regime. According to these sources, Boutighane was not a hardliner, and was part of the patriotic nationalist faction in the military. Although not known as one of the leading officers, he was very close to President Liamine Zeroual.

Therefore, it could be seen as a warning to Zeroual on the question of negotiations with the opposition. In any case, the report that he was killed while "shopping" lacks credibility, these sources point out, since senior government officials never do such errands.

China's Qiao Shi visits India for six days

Chinese National People's Congress chairman Qiao Shi made a six-day visit to India Nov. 15-20, where he met the President, the prime minister, and other leaders, the *China Daily* and *Hindustan Times* both reported.

In his arrival statement, Qiao Shi emphasized the importance Beijing attaches to developing "good neighbor" relations with India, and his aim to increase high-level contacts between India and China. Qiao described India and China as two "ancient civilizations," and "our friendly exchanges over 2000 years have forged profound friendship between the two peoples." He compared the world's two biggest developing countries' similar historical experiences of colonial oppression, and said their common task was to develop their national economies and improve the people's livelihood.

Carter holds East Africa meeting in Cairo

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter opened a heads-of-state summit of the East African countries Nov. 27 in Cairo, Egypt, with the purpose of finding a way to repatriate more than 2 million Rwandan Hutu refugees now in camps in Zaire, Burundi, and Tanzania.

Carter organized the summit after he had

gained the cooperation of Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko. In November, Carter visited Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi. Attending the summit were President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda—whose National Resistance Army has supplied the leadership of the now-ruling Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) in Rwanda; President Sylvestre Ntibantunganya of Burundi; Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu; Zaire's President Mobutu; a special envoy from Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa; and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Carter's effort was made jointly with former Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, who continues to be the effective head of Tanzania; and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa.

The summit has not raised the hopes of the Hutu refugees, who are not represented at the summit. The Rally for the Return of Refugees and Democracy in Rwanda (RDR), composed of Rwandan leaders not involved in the bloodletting of summer 1994 in that nation, has been excluded.

Education minister to get the Rabin treatment?

"After Yitzhak Rabin, Amnon Rubinstein?" begins Patrice Claude, writing from Jerusalem for the Paris daily *Le Monde* Nov. 28. "Less than a month after the assassination of the prime minister by a religious agitator for 'Greater Israel,' several rabbis of the extreme right, according to Israeli journalists, met Sunday, Nov. 26, at a secret site in Jerusalem, to pronounce a *pulsa denora*, a 'flagellation by fire,' in literal Aramaic—that is to say, a mortal malediction, or curse, aimed at the minister of education and culture."

Claude says this "malediction" comes from the "Jewish cabalistic tradition." The same ancient "prayer," a "virtual appeal to murder," had been read out loud, seven times in sequence, at full volume, in front of the official residence of Mr. Rabin, by a group of ten cabalistic rabbis, dressed in prayer shawls. This was done a little more

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than three weeks before the assassination of Nov. 4. In the terms of the cabbala, the target of the *pulsa denora* must die within 30 days of the pronouncement."

Rubinstein's "crime"? To have authorized archaeological digs, in areas recently uncovered by researchers, where the war-like Maccabees lived, whom the Greater Israel fanatics idolize. Also, after the murder of Rabin, Rubinstein decided to cut off public subsidies to religious schools which promote political extremism.

Sudan leader slams United States

Sudanese leader Gen. Omar Al Bashir, in remarks attributed to Sudan's official news agency SUNA Nov. 23, slammed the United States by name as working with other "arrogant, hegemonistic and colonialist forces" inciting neighboring countries to attack Sudan. "The United States and its allies have succeeded in tempting these countries against Sudan due to its Islamic orientation," he said while on a visit to the eastern Sudanese town of Gedaref. "These arrogant countries have lost hope of involvement in a direct attack because of the hard blows they received in Somalia, so they have taken to launching war on Sudan through its neighbors," he added.

"We hail Kenya, Zaire, Central African Republic, and other African countries that have shunned the temptations and resisted western pressure, adhering to their independence and will," he was quoted as saying.

Katapat movement founded in Philippines

EIR's Ibero-America editor Dennis Small was the featured guest speaker at the founding conference of "Katapat," a political movement of Filipino nationalist businessmen and consumer groups, held in Quezon City, Philippines, on Nov. 23.

Katapat coordinator Antonio "Butch" Valdes introduced the presentation by tell-

ing the 250 participants in the day-long conference, that one year ago, in November 1994, Gail Billington and Richard Freeman of the LaRouche movement and *EIR* had visited the Philippines and warned of the danger of an imminent explosion of the derivatives bubble. A month after their warning, the Mexico crisis exploded. Now Katapat has invited Dennis Small and Gail Billington back, to speak on the Mexican and world financial crisis, on whether the Philippines "is going down Mexico way," and what can be done about it.

All participants received from the conference organizers a packet containing a study of the Philippine economy prepared by a Katapat economist; the text of Small's speech and graphs; the Guadalajara Manifesto of the Mexican National Forum; and the Forum's Draft Legislation for National Economic Recovery, submitted to the Mexican Congress earlier this year.

Alain Madelin makes comeback bid in France

Alain Madelin, the Mont Pelerin Society operative in France who had to resign as minister of economy and finance when his austerity measures enraged labor this past August, has published a book, *When the Ostriches Will Raise Their Heads*. The daily *Le Figaro* on Nov. 23 devoted two-thirds of a page to an interview with Madelin, and one-third of a page to a wildly enthusiastic endorsement of him by neo-conservative ideologue (and occultist) Louis Pauwels.

Figaro wrote that, in a "symbolic gesture," he gave the first copy of the book to French President Jacques Chirac. Madelin recalls that he was sacked in August, from the government of Prime Minister Alain Juppé, for antagonizing the trade unions, but he intends, with his book, to remind people that he was the first to insist that "reduction of the public deficit" was the highest priority. His speech to this effect, in August, was judged to be "politically incorrect" then, but now, this theme has "become the leitmotif" of the government, since Juppé is now adopting his austerity prescription.

● **RUSSIA'S** terrorism problem is mainly coming from Islamic organizations, an unnamed source in Russia's Federal Security Service was quoted on Russian NTV on Nov. 25. More than 60 such organizations are accredited in the Russian Federation, he alleged, and many "tourists" who visit Russia from Muslim countries become Islamic preachers once they arrive, and set up terror organizations and recruit people for training abroad.

● **BEIJING** city police arrested Wei Jingshen, China's most prominent pro-democracy dissident, on Nov. 21, on the capital charge of trying to overthrow the government. Wei, 44, has been held incommunicado since April 1, 1994, after he met with a visiting senior U.S. human rights official. Wei was nominated for the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize last year.

● **SWISS FARMERS**, in a surprise move, blocked distribution centers, central bakeries, and meat departments of the two big food chains in Switzerland, Migros and Coop, in mid-November. These two companies control 80% of the food market of the country. The farmers were protesting against the sudden and drastic fall in farm prices.

● **INDIA'S** greatest strategic challenge is China, according to the "highly influential RAND Corp. strategic analyst" George Talham, quoted in the *Hindustan Times* Nov. 19. The U.S. analyst contends that Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao's "look East" policy is driven by the desire to reach out to Southeast and East Asia's growing nations, and that security matters will get more important as smaller nations worry about the "growing giant" China.

● **LOUIS FARRAKHAN** is not "even allowed to step foot in Great Britain," thanks to the World Jewish Congress and its British affiliate, brags WJC president Edgar Bronfman in a fundraising letter. Bronfman smears the Nation of Islam leader as a spreader of "racist, anti-Semitic demagoguery."