

International Intelligence

Cairo points to London's harboring of terrorists

The Egyptian Interior Ministry issued a communiqué Dec. 13, according to several Arabic papers, declaring that 58 members of a large network of "Jihad" terrorists had been arrested. The group's leader (also arrested) is a naturalized British citizen, Akram Abdelaziz Mahmoud Al-Sharif, who is married to a British woman and works as a taxi driver in Britain. The Interior Ministry claims that Al-Sharif "received training on the group's organizing in the United Kingdom, and was ordered by the Jihad leader, Abdelmeguid Abdelbari, living in London as a political refugee, to organize and establish a base for launching terrorist attacks and suicide bombings in Egypt."

"Cairo is especially concerned about two men who are based in the U.K.: Abdelmaguid Abdelbari and Yassi al Serri, both leaders of the Jihad group which claimed responsibility for last month's bombing of the Egyptian embassy in Pakistan," said a report in the London *Financial Times* of Dec. 14.

Mont Pelerinites to stir cauldron in Cancun

The Mont Pelerin Society will bring together the proponents of drug legalization, racism, and slavery at its upcoming conference in Cancun, Mexico on Jan. 14-17. Under the title of "This Hemisphere of Liberty," the gathering will include racist Charles Murray (author of *The Bell Curve*); Nobel Prize-winner in economics James Buchanan; drug legalizer Mario Vargas Llosa of Peru; and Chilean economic model propagandist Hernan Buchi. All together, this is the worst assortment of the defenders of von Hayekian fascist economics and plans to destroy the sovereign nation-state.

This conference, which is to be held under conditions of great secrecy, will focus particularly on Ibero-America, according to the printed agenda. There will be presenta-

tions on "The Tequila Effect, Reflections on the Mexican Crisis," and "Federalism, Democracy and Liberty." Pseudo-Catholic Michael Novak will address the panel on "Liberty and Hemispheric Liberalization." The head of the CATO Institute, Edward H. Crane, will be there, along with Leonard Liggio of the Atlas Economic Research Foundation, and Johns Hopkins University's Steve Hanke, currency speculator and promoter of the British Empire's currency board strategy, who advises Argentine Finance Minister Domingo Cavallo, among others in Ibero-America. Not to be left out are the backers of the drug-traffickers' "informal economy," such as Peru's Enrique Ghersi, of the Institute of Liberty and Democracy. The latter is run by George Bush's favorite economist, Hernando de Soto.

One of the attendees from the U.S. side is Jerry Jordan, head of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank, who is also head of the Mont Pelerin Society's U.S. branch, according to the conference agenda.

Anti-terrorist agents coordinate in S. America

Special agents of Peru, Bolivia, Panama, and the United States met in Lima, Peru for several days to coordinate anti-terrorist intelligence, the daily *Onda* reported Dec. 20. Coordination with intelligence services in Colombia and Uruguay on regional terrorism is also under way, it was reported separately.

This renewed regional anti-terrorist coordination was ostensibly provoked by the evidence of the international terrorist network behind a large MRTA operation captured Dec. 1 in Lima, and occurs in an environment shaped by *EIR's Special Report* on "New Terror International Targets the Americas." The report, published in English and Spanish, is circulating throughout the region. Seminars to present *EIR's* terrorism overview, together with U.S. Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche's strategic document, *The Blunder in U.S. National Security Policy*, have thus far been held in

Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, and Peru.

EIR documented that no "national" terrorist group has existed in the region for at least the last three decades, but rather local deployments of an integrated, centrally deployed terrorist force, under London's control, persist. Every aspect of *EIR's* map of the São Paulo Forum presented in that package has been confirmed in the new MRTA investigations, including demonstrating the special role of the British-created Basque separatist force ETA, in coordinating terrorism in the Americas.

The man who arranged arms shipments for the MRTA operation is exemplary of the network described by *EIR*: Miguel Cruz Suárez was a member of the Chilean MIR terrorist group in the 1970s; when the MIR was crushed, he left South America for Spain, where he joined ETA; he later moved to Nicaragua under the Sandinistas, and took on Nicaraguan nationality. He also operated with El Salvador's FMLN. When caught shipping weapons to the MRTA, ostensibly a "Peruvian" organization, Cruz Suárez was operating out of Panama, coordinating international sales of the "demobilized" weapons of the FMLN!

Peruvian police and military captured the MRTA cell, shortly before it planned to seize the Congress, hold hostages, and negotiate political concessions, including the release of its jailed leadership.

Oops! Is Mr. Clean Hands a little bit dirty?

Former Milan prosecutor Antonio Di Pietro, the initiator of the so-called "Clean Hands" investigations that destroyed Italy's political system in 1993, has been indicted by State prosecutors in Brescia on three counts of corruption. The indictment of Di Pietro, who has recently launched a political career, comes after a months-long investigation and refers to events that occurred before 1993.

These events allegedly show that Di Pietro used his judiciary power in order to get personal favors.

Australia, Indonesia seal security pact

Australia and Indonesia signed a security agreement that could see both countries defend each other if challenged, it was announced in Melbourne on Dec. 18. The result of 18 months of secret negotiation, the treaty was signed at the State palace in Jakarta by the foreign ministers of both countries, in the presence of President Soeharto and Prime Minister Paul Keating.

This treaty is regarded to be as big as the ANZUS (Australia, New Zealand, and United States) pact of 1951. However, the negotiations were completely secret, and the wording of the new treaty was not made public until after the signing. This has caused outrage in the Australian parliament.

Flood devastation and hunger in North Korea

Red Cross officials recently returned to Beijing after over a month in North Korea, have been able to view and film some of the most impoverished areas of North Korea, which the government had to open up due to the national food disaster, after the worst floods of the century last August. According to a report in the Dec. 19 London *Independent*, at this point, 130,000 people face famine, and 500,000 are homeless in the North Korean winter, where temperatures can fall to minus 20 Centigrade (-4°F) in the winter. Grain stores were widely destroyed.

North Korea had already been suffering from years of poor harvests, and the food situation is extremely bad, said Dr. Piero Calvi Parisetti, head of the Red Cross delegation to North Korea. "It is so extensive, the flood damage. We visited quite a number of places and everywhere we went we saw massive destruction." Both the northern areas bordering China, and places south of Pyongyang, near South Korea, have been left devastated. "Now it is clear that aid will be needed for much longer—almost certainly until the next rice harvest in the fall of

1996," Dr. Calvi Parisetti said.

Representatives of the U.N. Food Program report that "hunger is widespread and malnutrition already a problem" in the regions affected by the floods. "Famine conditions have been noted in some areas."

Pontiff decries slaughter of children

Pope John Paul II called for the protection of children, in a statement released Dec. 12, and accused governments of allowing them to suffer a "veritable slaughter." "Sadly, millions of the world's children are innocent victims of war. In recent years, millions of them have been wounded or killed: a veritable slaughter. The special protection accorded to children by international law has been widely disregarded. Children have become targets of snipers, their schools deliberately destroyed, and the hospitals where they are cared for bombed. . . . The deliberate killing of a child is one of the most disturbing signs of the breakdown of all respect for human life. . . . Heads of state and ordinary citizens . . . are called upon to make a contribution to peace and to give no support to war."

In the same statement, the pontiff denounced the child-sex trade as "utterly despicable." He also noted that millions of "street children" are forced to live by their wits in a state of total neglect and are "considered by many as refuse to be eliminated."

In the developed countries, the pope said, parents cannot allow material possessions to substitute for child rearing. Such children "are forced to grow up in dismal loneliness. . . . Left to themselves, such children usually find their main contact in television programs which often present unreal and immoral situations which they are still too young to assess properly."

A Unicef report released Dec. 11 states that in the last decade, 2 million children have died, up to 5 million have been disabled, a million orphaned or separated from their parents, and another 10 million psychologically traumatized directly because of wars.

Briefly

● **PRINCESS DIANA** and Prince Charles are seeing the same Jungian headshrinker, the French daily *Libération* reported on Dec. 11: He is Alan McGlashan, a "respectable 90-year-old London psychoanalyst."

● **CARLOS SALINAS**, the former President of Mexico, is in Cuba, confirmed the Mexican daily *El Universal* on Dec. 13. The once leading Ibero-American Bush Baby, now dogged by corruption charges, went to Havana to "make investments."

● **ROME** and other big Italian cities were hit by public transportation sector strikes, starting Friday, Dec. 15, in protest against the government's rigid privatization policy.

● **AN ARGENTINE** publication, *Informe Reservado*, reproduced a two-page *EIR* article by Dennis and Gretchen Small, entitled "London: Irregular Warfare Against the Greater Fatherland," together with a map showing "zones of new conflict" overlapping with the activities of the narco-terrorist São Paulo Forum.

● **EIGHTY-SEVEN** countries voted against, abstained, or simply didn't show up for the vote on Nigeria's condemnation at the United Nations on Dec. 13.

● **KISSINGER** tricked Thailand into support for the Vietnam War, charged Thai former Foreign Minister Thanat in a televised interview on Nov. 28. He also said that Kissinger lied in his memoirs that he traveled to China through India, when in fact he went through Thailand, where Thanat hosted a dinner for him.

● **ANWAR HADDAM**, the chairman of the Algerian Islamic Salvation Front's Parliamentary Committee in the United States, publicly denounced the crimes committed by the Islamic Armed Groups (GIA). Speaking in Washington on Dec. 19, he described the leadership of the GIA as "a group of fanatic murderers," according to *Al Hayat*.