

International Intelligence

Prince Charles has an odd notion of ecology

"Prince Charles faced renewed controversy last night," wrote the London *Financial Times* of March 16, "as it emerged that his main overseas organization has awarded an environmental prize to the manufacturers of the plastic explosive Semtex. The Prince of Wales Business Leaders' Forum confirmed, last night, that the Czech chemical company Synthesia had been given its annual Czech prize, because the installation of cleaning devices in its plant had contributed to a 'significant improvement in the environment.' Semtex has been used worldwide by terrorist organizations including the Irish Republican Army. . . . The award to Synthesia was given by the forum's Czech office, on the advice of a panel of local experts which included the British ambassador, Sir Michael Bruton and officials of the British Council, which promotes cultural, scientific, and educational links on behalf of the British government. . . ."

"Major John Wyatt, a British bomb disposal expert, said yesterday that Synthesia was widely known by western security officials, as the company which sold Semtex to Libya in the 1980s, before it was sold on to the IRA. . . ."

Maastricht foes hit by judicial attacks

In a surprise move in France, the judges of the Rennes Court of Appeals decided to increase the sentences for the group of Socialist Party officials accused of having participated in secret funding of the Socialist Party in a case known as URBA/SAGES. Among those officials is Henri Emanuelli, the head of the Socialist Party until a few months ago, when Lionel Jospin took it over.

Emanuelli is close to the anti-Maastricht current within the Socialist Party, the "Socialist Left."

Emanuelli was given an 18 month suspended sentence and two years of deprivation of civil rights, which means he cannot

run for office during that period. This is quite outrageous, since it has been proven that he in no way benefitted personally from any money transfers, and that the entire affair took place when there were no laws governing the financing of political parties in France, forcing all the political parties into all kinds of maneuvers to finance themselves.

Meanwhile, one of the leaders of the "Citizens' Movement" led by the former defense minister and outspoken critic of the Maastricht Treaty, Jean-Pierre Chevènement, has been indicted for alleged corruption. Chevènement is the president of the General Council of the Territory of Belfort, which he serves as mayor and as a deputy in the National Assembly.

Shubeilat sentenced to three years in Jordan

On March 17, former member of Parliament Laith Shubeilat was sentenced by a military court to three years in prison in Amman, Jordan. The trial was characterized by gross irregularities, as his defense lawyer Jawad Younis detailed in a press conference held at the headquarters of the Jordanian Engineers Association (JEA), of which Shubeilat is the president. Only one of the 59 witnesses presented by the defense was allowed to testify, and he was threatened with arrest, as soon as it became clear that he was a witness favorable to the accused. Even in the final session of the trial, not all the lawyers were allowed into the courtroom. Shubeilat has a group of 150 lawyers, of whom 14 were allowed in. Busloads of people from his hometown, Tafila, were denied entry.

Shubeilat's wife, Rima, protested the court's decision, outside, where a large crowd of supporters demonstrated for Shubeilat. Authorities seized cameras from Reuters and Dubai-TV, the cameramen said. At a press conference attended by well over 100 people, the vice president of the JEA was joined by chairmen of eight other professional associations to protest the conviction.

The Schiller Institute had organized an

international campaign for Shubeilat, culminating in a demonstration March 7 in front of the U.S. State Department, when Jordan's King Hussein was meeting with Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Shubeilat will appeal the decision within 30 days, and will run for Parliament in a by-election April 15, for a seat vacated in Balqa Province. It is expected that, if he is allowed to run, he will win. Shubeilat, a leading figure in the Islamic movement and an ardent critic of the International Monetary Fund, has denounced in particular the damage which IMF policies—imposed in the name of peace—have wrought on Jordanian living standards.

French police help Spain to combat ETA terrorism

French police are alarmed about the fact that the Basque separatist terrorists, ETA, which has been waging violent war against the Spanish State, is receiving hospitality in the French region of Brittany, the Spanish newspaper *El País* reported on March 10.

As *EIR* reported in its *Special Report* on terrorism in Ibero-America, ETA is the "mother" and model of terrorist movements not only through Europe, but throughout Ibero-America.

"ETA has been able to create very solid networks in Brittany. But as we showed with our legal procedures last November, we are determined to really finish this off," declared Patrick Riou, coordinator of the actions against ETA for the French police. He cited the example of the effective police measures to clean out ETA's major sanctuary in France's own Basque country back in 1984.

"With extraditions, expulsions, assigned residences, and the order to disperse into distinct zones in France, part of the executive of ETA moved into Brittany. It was the police prefecture of Bayonne which asked us in 1994 to look for lodging for Basque citizens," said Michel Herjean of the 100-member Breton nationalist organization Skoazell Vreizh. "To give haven to Basque refugees is Breton hospitality—and among them there can be terrorists, but there are many

Briefly

A FRENCH MAGNATE, Ambroise Roux, claims in his newly published memoirs that only 30 or 40 people actually rule France. Roux, head of the giant Alcatel-Alsthom conglomerate, revealed that he used to meet the late President François Mitterrand twice a year, in secret, to coordinate economic policies.

THE TAIWAN-CHINA fight is spilling into the Caribbean, an Inter-Press report of March 12 said. Both sides have poured millions of dollars in aid and technical assistance into the area, in hopes of earning the votes of these economically poor countries in the United Nations. The 14 member-states of the Caribbean Community are split in their support between China and Taiwan.

MAHATHIR Mohamad, the prime minister of Malaysia, announced that he would briefly stop in Australia on March 25 and March 29 en route to and from New Zealand. This would be the first visit in 12 years; the thaw in the icy relations between the two countries, fits into the context of closing ranks among former colonies under London's "new Commonwealth" policy.

THE DUTCH ultraliberal approach to illegal drugs, which has been criticized in Bonn and Paris, was defended on March 13 by German five states governed by the Social Democracy. In a joint endorsement of the Dutch policy, the states "warned" against setting the clock back in Europe to what they called "repressive" methods in the struggle against drugs.

ORTHODOX churches in Ukraine and other ex-Soviet republics will follow Estonia's lead and seek to be under the jurisdiction of the Constantinople Patriarchy in order to gain independence from the Moscow Patriarchy, Father Gleb Yakunin predicted, as reported in the *Christian Science Monitor* March 12. The Estonian move, vehemently resisted by the Russian Church, had restored the rights of a church "suppressed by the Soviet occupation," he said.

that are simply Basques or just relatives of ETA or old activists who want to start a new life. We are against indiscriminate repression."

ETA was, according to *El País*, able to recreate its bases in Brittany under the leadership of Faustino Estanislao Villanueva Herrera, (Txapu). The first measures against ETA in Brittany were taken 1992 with the arrest of ETA treasurer Sabino Euba (Pleopinxto), who sought refuge in Brittany and went from there to Mexico. Police had arrested 100 people in Brittany by November 1995, of whom 71 were later convicted for terrorism-related crimes, but most received suspended sentences.

This unsatisfactory result has led to new actions since November, in which 32 people have been arrested, among them seven Spanish citizens, and 18 remain in prison. Riou cited among the recent arrests in Brittany, three armed people who ran an explosives cache in Rennes.

Turkish-Israeli relations upgraded

Turkey and Israel have dramatically upgraded relations, including military relations, in the recent period. The process is quite complex, and has a potentially positive side, but it also has several ominous implications.

This improvement of Turkish-Israeli relations was the subject of a security seminar held at the annual meeting of the U.S.-Turkish Council in Washington on March 7. David Malkowsky, formerly of the State Department, and now at American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, claimed that the improved relationship would be in the U.S. interest. Malkowsky emphasized the importance of Turkish Deputy Chief of Staff Gen. Cevik Bir's trip to Israel in January, where an agreement on military cooperation, only some of which has been made public, was finalized.

Turkish President Suleyman Demirel traveled to Israel in mid-March following the Egyptian terror summit, to sign this, and other, treaties. This was the first Turkish

head of state visit to Israel.

According to Malkowsky, the Israeli-Turkish military treaty is part of a broader effort to create an Israeli-Turkish-Jordanian pact against Syria. A key feature of this pact is water warfare. Now that Ataturk Dam has been completed (in itself a very useful project which will increase Turkish food production by 300%), Turkey also has the ability to cut off the flow of the Euphrates River to Syria. The Euphrates supplies virtually all of Syria's water, and half of Iraq's. With this new weapon, and with the growing Israeli-Turkish military alliance, Syria will be forced to end its support of the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), Malkowsky reported.

In a related development, Shaul Eisenberg, the former head of the Mossad Asian division, and top figure in the international narcotics trade, has begun huge investments in the Ataturk Dam region, complementing his massive investments in Kazakhstan's opium cultivation region. Eisenberg typifies the Israeli faction now working to destabilize the Caucasus and Central Asia, in alliance with British-linked co-thinkers in Turkey.

Germans seek arrest of Iranian spy service

An international arrest warrant against Iran's foreign intelligence head was issued by Federal German Prosecutor, Kay Nehm, on March 14, naming Ali Falahian as a key suspect behind the cold-blooded execution of four leading Iranian-Kurdish exiles in a Berlin restaurant in 1992. The four exiled politicians were machine-gunned by a gang of killers, who are believed to have acted upon directives coming from Falahian's office in Teheran.

The arrest warrant poses delicate problems for the German government, as Falahian has also been, for the last few years, a key partner of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's secret intelligence coordinator, Bernd Schmidbauer, in secret talks on intelligence matters, including missions for the release of Western hostages being held under arrest in Iran.