

credit restriction policy. It has had to cut off all credit to farms with improvements (over 50% of the new milk production installations). And if it wants to loan additional credit at 16%, outside of the 6% state-backed credit, it is forced to borrow with penalty on the market at 26%. Thus it has to be very severe towards us, and we must more and more take recourse to the open credit line. In the end, this means ruin.

As for the moratorium on agricultural debt, the MODEF [farmers' organization of the Communist Party] has made that its battle cry. For ourselves, we say rather that of course the debt is unbearable, and solutions will have to be found, but the real problem is to insure for ourselves a decent income that would allow us to invest in equipment, to modernize, and to obtain decent living conditions.

Q: What is the trend of land prices?

A: Here in Calvados, it is a catastrophe. Bad land is simply unsalable. Good land now sells for about FF20-25,000 per hectare, which represents a decrease of about 40%. This year, with the milk quotas and the land market problem, the fall will continue.

Q: How about the group farms, the co-ops, like the CUMA [agricultural machinery cooperative]?

A: There are no longer any investments, so we have nothing new to put into a cooperative. What is happening is that the CUMA, which was created so that several persons could get together to buy new machines jointly, is now becoming just a way to share the misery. Whether through the CUMA or not, what we put into co-ops is not new equipment but what already exists. For example, we have two people on a mowing machine, two on a plow, five for one wood-cutting machine. So at the same time as the agricultural population is decreasing, those who remain hold in common what they have left.

Q: How about fertilizers?

A: That is also a disaster. There we see one of the links between the catastrophic policy [of the government] for steel and for the countryside. Now the industrial policy is closing down the iron mines. So there are no more scoriae, or they cost too much. Farmers replace scoriae [refuse from metals] with nitrates, "ammo." And while with scoriae the soil beds are enriched, with nitrates—especially through intensive usage of nitrates—in five years the land is burned out.

Even in the shorter term, the following situation prevails. Today the milk crisis and the ruin of milk producers. Tomorrow, in 6 to 12 months, the meat crisis, with overproduction of heifers. Already 60% of our meat comes from the "O" cows, meaning the post-"reform" cows. And the day after tomorrow, in 1985-86, the wheat crisis.

The trend is ineluctable under the present system. Help us to stop this disaster.

Swiss grain cartel is behind Sikh rebellion

by Thierry Lalevée

With American and European agriculture in the process of total destruction, whoever can grab India's Punjab, one of the world's most productive agricultural regions, will hold in his hands a most formidable blackmailing power against more than three quarters of the world's nations. Since the Green Revolution of the 1960s and 1970s, the Punjab region has produced 70% of India's wheat and 50% of India's rice.

This basic fact is one of the real reasons behind the creation in 1971 of a Sikh/Khalistani secessionist movement in the Punjab region and also one of the reasons behind the current upheavals. On June 3, the Indian government was forced to send the army into Punjab to head off what had become a major threat to the integrity of the nation. The Sikhs' Golden Temple at Amritsar was being used as an ammunition dump and headquarters for terrorist actions.

As investigations have revealed, the so-called Khalistan Republic, led out of London by its self-appointed president, Dr. Jagjit Singh Chauhan, is a puppet of many international forces which are committed to India's dismemberment, and, in particular, is a puppet of the international grain cartels. It was Chauhan who led a 30,000-person demonstration in London on June 11, demanding the assassination of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and other Indian leaders.

Though the evidence is not complete, there are growing suspicions that the London exiles have already signed privileged agreements with the cartels on the Punjab's future production. The exiles have little in common with most of the Indian Sikh community which, in the civil service, the army or in other institutions, is generally committed to a united India.

A Swiss conspiracy

At the center of the grouping which unleashed terrorism in Punjab, armed the terrorists, and brought about the present crisis is a little-known company: André and Company, SA, Export/Import. A several centuries old family-owned business, the André company is credited with a 10 billion Swiss franc yearly turnover which ranks fourth or fifth among the world grain cartels. However, in its long history, André has

never published any financial records, and therefore most information is based on guesswork, and is probably underestimated.

To find André today conspiring to dismantle a nation is hardly a surprise if one recalls that a most famous scion of the family, Major John André, was hanged during the American Revolution because he tried to betray the young American republic from within on behalf of British intelligence. It will also be no surprise to find that André is one of the grain cartels which conspired over the last 10 years to manipulate the grain market, bankrupting more than three quarters of the American farming community, and destroying the most productive and advanced agriculture in the world. André's war against the American republic has never ended and has been fought on many fronts; militarily with Major André, economically through the grain market, but also on the religious and cultural level!

The André family's connections

The André family belongs to the Presbyterian sect of the Darbyists, created in French-speaking Switzerland in 1838 by the Anglican John N. Darby, who then emigrated in 1860 to the United States where he paved the way for the creation of America's Christian fundamentalist movement. The same Darbyist fundamentalists can be found today in America in the heavily financed Temple Mount Foundation, which is the American branch of the Israeli underground terrorist movement which attempted to blow up Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque. From Jerusalem Temple Mount to Amritsar's Golden Temple, we find the same families!

There is little doubt that the André family, on which we shall write more in coming weeks, is committed to gaining control of Punjab. Though there have been intensified contacts between André and Jagjit Singh Chauhan over recent weeks, even days, the liaison is being maintained by one of the family's brothers-in-law, another Darbyist, Jean Demaurex.

Demaurex, who used to control most of Ethiopia's coffee production up to 1974, still owns the "Domex" company in the suburb of Lausanne which deals in "coffee and colonial products," and was most likely the original liaison between André and Chauhan. Demaurex was described by Chauhan in 1983 as "my representative" in Switzerland, and, indeed, it was Demaurex who recently organized a tour of the country and interviews in the press for Chauhan. More recently Demaurex has been acting as a political adviser to Chauhan, with whom he regularly talks over the phone, one of the many activities he carries out for the André's. Nationalized as an Ethiopian in 1974, Demaurex has since discovered "humanitarian" reasons to support the opposition to the government of Addis Ababa, the Eritrean secessionists. He has added his support not because of his commitment to fight communism or the Soviet Union—both he and André have many deals in the East—but to recover his coffee plantations!

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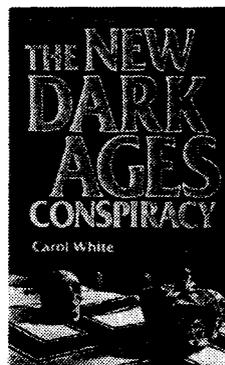
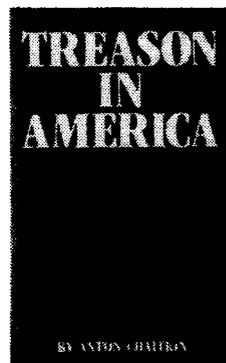
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