

International Intelligence

German paper hits Anglo-French perfidy

A harshly worded commentary in the German weekly *Welt am Sonntag* on Aug. 8 denounced the Anglo-French "bloodletting" strategy in the Balkan war, which has prevented any NATO air strikes against Serbia.

"Two schools of thought are standing opposed to each other in the [NATO] alliance," the paper wrote: "U.S. President Clinton, supported by the Germans and Dutch, thinks a western intervention is necessary. The British and French, however, are pursuing a classic cabinet policy based on pure power interests. Their aim, German NATO officers evaluate, is to have a 'bloodletting' of the conflict and a Greater Serbian policing power for southeastern Europe, which is also to contain the German influence.

"In order to cover up their policy interests, the British and French point at the humanitarian intervention of their blue helmet soldiers. But with these, Paris and London are playing a double game. On the one hand, the public is to be assuaged with the line, 'We are doing something there.' On the other hand, these soldiers in the valley of Sarajevo serve diplomats of both countries as an argument against NATO air strikes."

New prime minister named in Japan

Morihiro Hosokawa became Japan's new prime minister on Aug. 6, heading an unstable seven-party coalition with the Socialist Party, which, for the first time since 1955, excludes the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) from government. Hosokawa got 262 votes, against 224 for LDP chief Yohei Kono, and 15 votes for the Communist candidate.

The election was delayed for two days by LDP demands that one of their rank at least be chosen as Speaker of the House, but in the end the LDP lost even that post. Instead, State Department Socialist Takako Doi was elected Japan's first woman

Speaker.

Hosokawa quit the LDP a year ago to launch his Japan New Party (JNP), whose program consists of anti-corruption rhetoric. A former LDP provincial governor, he is a direct descendant of the 14th-century Hosokawa samurai dukes, who, in the 17th century, supported the feudal Tokugawa reaction which closed Japan to the West and massacred Japan's Christians. Hosokawa's grandfather, Prince Fumimaro Konoe, served as prime minister in 1937-39 and 1940-41, presiding over the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War and the signing of Tokyo's military pact with Nazi Germany.

Former Finance Minister Tsutomu Hata, head of another LDP breakaway, the Japan Renewal Party (JRP), was tapped to become deputy prime minister and foreign minister. Kozo Watanabe, an ex-trade minister who also comes from the JRP, is expected to be named finance minister.

The real power behind the scenes at the JRP is Ichiro Ozawa, an ex-LDP secretary general who has often acted in coordination with Henry Kissinger's policies for Japan.

Russian military sees West as 'paper tiger'

The Russian military believes that the West is a "paper tiger," a former British military attaché who attended a gathering in mid-July with 20 senior Russian military officers at the British military academy in Sandhurst, England, told *EIR*.

"They've seen what the West did, or rather didn't do, in former Yugoslavia, and they've drawn their conclusions," he said. "I can confirm that is their view, from my discussions with them."

Beyond this, he said that there is another Russian calculation, quite crude but exactly what one would expect from an understanding of Russian history. "They smell that the world is heading into a Dark Age, that leadership in the West is collapsing, and they are determined to establish their position clearly in such a world."

What surprised and shocked the Brits in attendance, many of whom have long expe-

rience in dealing with Russians, said the source, was "how clearly and confidently they spoke about their aims. We were told, 'Watch this space, Russia. Something will be happening here.' They're in the slow process of patching the whole thing together, a kind of Slavic core with Russia as the heartland, the biggest player. Their view, repeatedly restated, was that Russia is too great to fall apart."

Overall, this source's impression was that "they've resurrected a way of thinking we used to be familiar with from the Soviet era; in effect what they're thinking and saying is, 'The world situation is favorable to the reestablishment of the correlation of forces in our favor.'"

Australian party calls for probe of ADL

The Citizens Electoral Councils of Australia (CEC), a federally registered political party and the Australian co-thinkers of American statesman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., has called upon Australian parliamentarians to set up a formal inquiry into the activities of the Anti-Defamation Commission of B'nai B'rith (ADC), an Australian offshoot of the corruption-riddled Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) in the United States.

Craig Isherwood, national secretary of the CEC, said on Aug. 3, "We have just released a 16-page pamphlet, with 52 footnotes, entitled 'Is the ADC Spying on You?' which documents the basis for a parliamentary investigation. The ADC's mother organization, the ADL, is facing criminal prosecutions in the United States on 48 felony counts including illegal access to police computers, spying, and theft. There is ample reason, as we document, to question whether the ADC is involved in the same dirty tricks and illegality as its Mum."

"We will be mounting an intensive lobbying campaign on this matter in state and federal parliaments over the next several weeks," Isherwood said. "Soon, the average, decent Australian will become aware of what the ADC is up to. It is time the links

Briefly

● **DESMOND TUTU**, South Africa's Anglican archbishop, on Aug. 2 appealed "to the international community to send in, as a matter of extreme urgency, a corps of police officers experienced in handling civil turmoil." Warfare in Johannesburg townships over the weekend "demonstrated beyond doubt that we are incapable of restoring law and order ourselves," he said.

● **THE ARMENIAN** newspaper *Ir-avunk* in its July issue reported prominently on the Schiller Institute's June 4-5 conference in Bonn, on the theme "Toward a Lasting Peace in Europe." The monthly is linked with the Union for Constitutional Rights. The same issue included an advertisement for the Russian edition of Lyndon LaRouche's book *So, You Wish to Learn All About Economics?*

● **THE UNITED NATIONS** Security Council decided on Aug. 6 to send to Georgia a team of U.S. observers to verify the cease-fire that was signed by the government of the former Soviet republic and separatist Abkhazians. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said the team will verify the cease-fire and prepare the ground for a larger U.N. force that would be sent if needed.

● **A CLOSED-DOOR** meeting was held at the beginning of August between a delegation of Nigeria's Catholic bishops and President Babangida to discuss the crisis in the country. Archbishop Anthony Okogie told the press after the meeting that Nigeria's biggest problem was foreign interference: "The situation in the country will be only aggravated by other people trying to come in — I mean, other powers trying to come in."

● **A BOMB** destroyed the headquarters of the militant Hindu organization RSS in Madras on Aug. 8, killing at least nine people. A senior member of the Hindu nationalist BJP party blamed "Muslim chauvinists" for the bombing, but police officials said that, at this time, there was no evidence for this.

of the very dirty ADL into Australia were exposed, and it is the duty of the Citizens Electoral Councils to fight for the integrity of our political system," he concluded.

Ecuador backs down on sterilization program

The Catholic Church of Ecuador has forced the government of President Sixto Durán Ballén to cancel a sterilization program instituted by former Health Minister Leonardo Viteri. Viteri, who has since been forced to resign from the government, had sent a directive to hospitals and clinics which said, according to the IPS news service: "The Health Ministry advocates surgical sterilizations as the preferred method of family planning to be used in every hospital in the country, in view of the fact that the demographic explosion only produces worse depression and poverty."

Ecuador's Bishops Conference sent the government a caustic letter which noted that "the Constitution guarantees every Ecuadoran the inviolable right to physical well-being. The Health Ministry, pursued by the clamor of the poor and the needy, seems to regard Ecuadoran mothers as cattle who should not breed."

Dominican Republic paper highlights LaRouche case

The weekly *El Camino* of Aug. 1, the newspaper of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Dominican Republic, devoted two articles to international efforts to free U.S. political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche: "Chinese Parliamentarians Call for LaRouche's Freedom" and "Former Argentine President Frondizi Asks Clinton for Freedom for Lyndon LaRouche."

Between the two stories, which are based upon press releases from EIR News Service, there is a box that reads: "Born in 1922, LaRouche is an independent economist who believes in an economic system based on the ecumenical agreement between Christianity and Confucianism, and who is

particularly concerned for the development of the developing countries."

El Camino is distributed every Sunday at all Catholic churches in the Dominican Republic. The country's primate, Cardinal López Rodríguez, is currently the president of the Latin American Bishops Conference (CELAM).

Serbian drug scandal could implicate Major

Dossiers proving British-Serbian drug money connections through banks on Cyprus are in the possession of the editors of the *London Guardian*, who have not yet decided to publish them, as this would affect British Prime Minister John Major, among others, reported the left-wing German daily *Tageszeitung* on Aug. 7.

According to the article, the *Guardian* "is sitting on highly explosive material that may explain the appeasement policy of Major, [Douglas] Hurd, and [David] Owen vis-à-vis the regime in the Serbian capital of Belgrade which has also come under attack by European Community diplomats."

The dossier is said to prove that "the Tory party up to John Major is involved in a giant party funding scandal. Illegal funds — it is said several million British pounds are involved — allegedly originate in dope deals handled through Serbia and Serbian-occupied Kosova. The dirty dope funds are said to be laundered by British banks located on Cyprus — the same banks at which the Milosevic government has deposited its own foreign reserves.

"There are more and more statements of suspicion in Geneva that London is being blackmailed by Serbia with documents on that scandal, into its striking concessions to the Serbian side in the Bosnian war."

Correspondent Andreas Zumach also reported that *London Times* reporter Eve-Ann Prentice was put on a black list by European Community negotiator Lord Owen, since she leaked a statement by Owen not meant for publication, to the effect that the Bosnian Muslims "have the choice either to negotiate now or to die."