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Calvi's confessed killer friend of Queen's friend

Francesco Di Carlo, a member of the Sicilian Mafia who has been in a British jail for nine years, has confessed that he killed Roberto Calvi, the head of Italy's Banco Ambrosiano. Calvi was found hanging under the Black Friars Bridge in London in 1982. Di Carlo, who was convicted for running a drug ring in London, says that the orders to kill Calvi came from the Mafia, in revenge for stealing money. Di Carlo has now been extradited to Italy and has joined the 1,500 pentiti in the Italian witness protection program.

Roberto Calvi was a member of the secret, British-linked, P-2 masonic lodge, and his death was a ritual masonic killing. Experts have raised serious doubts about the reasons Di Carlo gave for the murder.

More interesting, is that Di Carlo was a business partner with Prince Alessandro Vanni Calvello di San Vincenzo, who has been convicted in Italy for his Mafia ties. The Sicilian prince is an intimate of Queen Elizabeth II, who stayed at his villa during her visit to Sicily in 1980.

Australian TV, Murdoch press howl over LaRouche

In British royals' ongoing hysteria over the growing influence of Lyndon LaRouche within the Empire itself, two major media attacks were unleashed against his Australian associates in the Citizens Electoral Council in June.

On June 24, the government-owned Australian Broadcast Corp. "Four Corners" show was devoted to an hour-long lying spree, entitled "The Secret Dirty War Raging in Australia." The program, which portrayed the CEC as a "cult" with possible terrorist connections, was clearly put together with the connivance of Zionist Lobby honcho Mark Leibler and the Australia-Israel Review, in order to set the stage for a federal

parliamentary investigation.

Much of the broadcast was taken up with "reconstructions"; one dramatization purportedly showed the sinister American, Herb Quinde, arriving at Melbourne International Airport in 1993 to orchestrate a campaign of terror against Australia's Jewish community. A journalist was quoted saying Quinde had told him, "I can supply you with assassins to clear up Basque terrorism," a project in which Four Corners claimed LaRouche was also involved. The show also revealed that Quinde had been put on a government "dangerous persons" list over a month earlier—clearly a prelude to stopping anyone associated with the LaRouche movement from entering Australia. During his June 7 press conference in Washington, Deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer had intimated the government was considering such action.

At the same time, the June 22-23 issue of Rupert Murdoch's *The Weekend Australian* ran a similar, full-page attack, expressing alarm over LaRouche's high vote totals in the U.S. Democratic primaries.

U.K.'s Tony Blair stroked by German industrialists

Labour Party head Tony Blair was the keynote speaker to the annual convention of the German Industry Association (BDI) on June 17. Blair is a leading mouthpiece of the concept of a corporatist austerity policy, meant to be a "pro-labor" alternative to the socalled welfare state.

BDI president Hans-Olaf Henkel, urged that Germans have a lot to learn from the "Anglo-Saxon" countries: For many years Britain and Germany had conservative governments. But, painting a rosy picture of the rusting Thatcherite economy, he continued: "One [country] has continually rolled back the influence of the state, the other not. One embarked decisively and at an early stage on privatizing state industries, the other much later." As a consequence, he claimed, unem-

ployment in Britain was reduced by 20%, while it is still rising in Germany. The idea of the "English odisease" is outdated, he averred.

The annual meeting of the Wilton Park Conference of senior British and German political figures took place in Britain at the same time. After the war, Wilton Park was the infamous denazification center, where many of Germany's present leadership were taught to kow-tow to the Union Jack.

Venezuelan TV covers PLV registration fight

The leading evening newscast in Caracas on June 13, carried an extensive report on the fight of LaRouche co-thinkers in the Venezuelan Labor Party (PLV) with the Supreme Electoral Council (CSE), to retain the party's ballot status. The council had lifted the PLV's registration using the excuse that it had not participated in the last elections, although the party had informed the CSE that it would stand down, as was its right.

Channel 2 began its coverage by saying that the CSE action violates Venezuelan law, and this has led to protests from members of Congress across the political spectrum.

Cong. Paciano Padron told Channel 2 that he hoped that the move to strip the PLV of its registration was a mistake, because "otherwise it would be a political maneuver ... and that would be very grave." Sen. Augusto Ortega Lima said, "There is even talk that powerful groups are behind this move to eliminate [the PLV]. This has led a group of us lawmakers to undertake an investigation."

U.S. ambassador: food aid for N. Korea still urgent

U.S. Ambassador to South Korea James Laney, a personal friend of President Clinton, on June 14, defended North Korea against the charge floated by British insur-

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ance companies, that Pyongyang is rolling in money and does not need food aid to alleviate the continuing famine.

South Korean newspapers on June 9 had reported that North Korea was sitting on \$130 million received after it took out crop damage insurance and was paid after recent floods. The source for this line was the pool of eight insurance firms based in Europe and Australia led by Lloyd's of London. South Korean officials used this as the excuse to say that North Korea should not receive food aid because it was diverting the money for military purposes.

On June 12, the State Department announced that the United States will provide \$6.2 million in humanitarian food and flood reconstruction relief to North Korea, as part of the UN drive for \$24 million in relief funds. Two days later, Laney, in a speech to the Korea-America Foundation in Seoul, asserted that North Korea had received only \$13 million in insurance payments, back in 1994, and that these funds had been exhausted.

Malaysian court rules for ecologists over dam

On June 19, the Malaysian High Court ruled in favor of three tribal residents, who had the backing of the ecologist gang Friends of the Earth, putting a temporary halt to construction of the \$5.5 billion Bakun Dam, until a further environmental impact assessment can be made. The hydroelectric dam is one of the largest infrastructural projects yet proposed in Southeast Asia, nearly twice the height of Egypt's Aswan Dam, and fully backed by Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

As recently as June 13, Malaysia had awarded the contract for the 2,400-megawatt dam to a consortium led by the Swiss firm Asea Brown Boveri (ABB) and Brazil's Companhia Brasileira de Projectos e Obras (CBPO), which was to begin work in July. The project called for the clearing of 69,000

hectares of rainforest in Sarawak State on North Borneo, flooding an area the size of Singapore, and forcing 9,000 tribals to move. Most of the power produced would be sent via a record-setting 650 km cable beneath the South China Sea to peninsular Malaysia.

Forty environmental groups in Malaysia, including the local Friends of the Earth chapter, waged a campaign against the project, securing the support, among others, of the European Parliament.

The ruling came two days after a fiveday meeting of ASEAN ministers in Kuala Lumpur to discuss the Mekong River Development Fund, which has come under intense attack by Friends of the Earth and Prince Philip's World Wide Fund for Nature, which specifically targetted China's plans for a series of hydroelectric dams on the Mekong River in Yunnan Province.

France's Chirac fawns over 'Indian' terrorist Menchú

Narco-terrorist Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchú, in Paris for the International Conference of Indigenous Communities, was effusively praised by French President Jacques Chirac, who awarded her and Bolivian Vice President Víctor Hugo Cárdenas the Legion of Honor. Cooing that "France is [part of] America," Chirac paid homage to its "richness of mestizaje, multilingualism, and local languages." France, which has just consummated its new Entente Cordiale with Britain, wants to become more involved "on the other side of the Atlantic."

To top this off, the Unesco director general Federico Mayor, announced in Paris that Menchú has been appointed the UN agency's new "goodwill ambassador." Menchú is a member in the narco-terrorist Guatemalan National Revolutionary Union (URNG), and enforces the British doctrine of keeping "indigenous peoples" in backward impoverishment.

AN AUSTRALIAN coalition of churches, physicians, and others sought a Supreme Court injunction on June 21 to stop the Northern Territory's euthanasia law from taking effect July 1. The law provides for the world's first legally condoned "assisted suicides."

SERB WAR CRIMINAL Radovan Karadzic was nominated by the Serbian Democratic Party on June 20 to run in the direct elections in September for the Bosnian Serb presidency. However, the Dayton Accords prevent him from holding office because he is a war criminal.

PALESTINIAN Minister of Justice Abu Middain recently characterized Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's first speech to the Knesset (parliament) as a "bad debut," reflecting broader Palestinian concern that the new Israeli government will halt the peace process. Netanyahu's speech made no references to the Oslo peace accord.

CHINA'S President Jiang Zemin and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat met in Beijing on June 18 for talks. Arafat, who was on his tenth visit to China, arrived the day before for a four-day visit at the invitation of China's President, and was due to meet Premier Li Peng on June 19. Arafat flew to the Arab summit in Cairo from China.

FORMER Australian Foreign Minister Andrew Peacock declined an invitation to attend this year's Royal Ascot Races in England, so he could be with actress Shirley MacLaine in Guatemala, touching base with aliens. A British gossip columnist remarked that MacLaine needn't go to Guatemala to see aliens, because "there are quite enough in the royal enclosure" at Ascot.