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First Tory MP defects to Goldsmith's party

Jimmy Goldsmith's right-populist Referendum Party got its first Member of Parliament, when Tory MP Sir George Gardiner announced he was leaving the Conservatives for Referendum. According to the March 9 issue of the *Sunday Times*, Gardiner's defection is "a much-needed boost to the Referendum Party," eight weeks before general elections expected on May 1. Recently, Goldsmith's Referendum Party had not performed well in opinion polls.

Gardiner explained his decision in an article written for the *Sunday Times*, insisting that he is still a Tory and hopes to vote for the party again once its policies could be "enacted free of Brussels diktat," referring to the headquarters of the European Union in Brussels. Gardiner adopts the populist-jacobinism of Goldsmith's anti-EU party, with such lines as, "It is downright theft for politicians to barter away the birthright and freedom of our people. It is the people who must decide." (Spoken like a true "Sir.")

NATO expansion spreads to Central Asia, Caucasus

NATO Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, Lt. Gen. John Sheehan, travelled to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on Feb. 17, to meet with the secretary of the Kyrgyz Security Council, and the defense ministers of neighboring Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. Discussion reportedly centered on upcoming joint military exercises between the Central Asian Battalion, composed of the three Central Asian states, and the United States.

The first stage of the exercise will take place in Kazakhstan in mid-September, and will involve 540 troops from the Central Asian Battalion, and servicemen from a U.S. Airborne Division. (Last summer, Uzbek troops from the battalion took part in joint exercises with U.S. paratroopers at Fort Bragg, the first ever held between former Soviet armed forces and the U.S. military.) During the second stage, scheduled for Uz-

bekistan in late September, the Central Asian servicemen and U.S. paratroopers will be joined by troops from 10 states, including the three Baltic states, Turkey, Germany, Georgia, and Russia.

Also on Feb. 17, Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas travelled to Uzbekistan to meet with President Islam Karimov. At their joint press conference, both leaders endorsed NATO expansion. On Feb. 14, Azerbaijan President Haider Aliyev reportedly proposed to visiting NATO Secretary General Javier Solana that NATO station troops in the region, to guard proposed Caspian oil and gas pipelines.

Museveni unable to refute Schiller, EIR charges

A lengthy report by the Republic of Zaire to the United Nations Security Council cites the inability of Ugandan dictator Yoweri Museveni to refute charges by the Schiller Institute that he is acting as a warlord against Zaire and Sudan to destabilize those countries. The two organizers, Diane Sare and Angela Vullo confronted the towel-boy for Lady Lynda Chalker when he came to Washington to address the Center for Strategic and International Studies on Feb. 3.

The "Reply of the Government of the Republic of Zaire to the communiqué dated 30 January from the Government of the Republic of Uganda," begins that "the communiqué . . . from the Ugandan Government, which was issued as a document of the Security Council . . . is a web of crude lies and untruths," and proceeds through the subsequent points to document the Rwandan/Ugandan invasion of Zaire, including publishing photos prisoners of war.

Point 5 reads: "During the debate which followed the lecture . . . the President of Uganda was unable to refute the claim by Diane Bare [sic] and Angela Vullo of the Schiller Institute that Uganda was executing a premeditated design to destabilize Zaire and other neighboring countries in order to control and exploit immense natural resources and vast tracts of land stretching from Shaba in Southern Sudan through Maniema, South Kivu, North Kivu, and

Haute Zaire."

The reply then quotes three paragraphs from the Jan. 17 London *Times*, which describes Museveni as coordinating the invasions against Zaire and Sudan. The relevant footnote cites *EIR's* Jan. 31 *Feature* "The War against the British Empire Can Be Won."

Australian MPs to vote on national euthanasia ban

A bill before Australia's federal parliament, known as the Andrews Bill, which seeks to override the legalization of "physician-assisted suicide" in the Northern Territory, is due to be voted on in the Senate on March 20. If passed, it will take away the right of Australia's territories to make laws legalizing euthanasia. The report of a special Senate Committee examining the euthanasia law, which was passed out of committee on March 6, has urged passage of the Andrews Bill, overturning the Northern Territory's "Rights of the Terminally Ill Act." The committee reported that 93% of the submissions to the committee were opposed to euthanasia, and only 6.4% favored it. The Andrews Bill passed the House of Representatives by a large majority, and is expected to also pass the Senate.

According to the March 5 issue of *The Age*, N.T.'s Jack Kevorkian look-alike, Dr. Philip Nitschke, has revealed that at least one victim "was feeling the pressure to die before the Senate decision." Nitschke is the designer of a grisly program for a laptop computer that, following a series of prompts to the euthanasia victim, administers a lethal injection. On March 1, the fourth person to die under N.T.'s law was killed in this manner.

China responds to 'Xinjiang separatists'

The Chinese government, for the first time on March 5, formally commented on the turmoil in the northwest province of Xinjiang. A communiqué from the Department of Propaganda of Xinjiang, appeared on the front

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page of the *Xinjiang Daily*, stating that the Chinese army has been placed on a state of maximum alert in Xinjiang, as well as in Tibet, in order to reinforce the struggle against what are denounced as "separatist activities." The daily characterized the recent bombings in Xinjiang as "acts of premeditated violence, carried out by a terrorist organization." The police have arrested "the principal suspects" who produced and supplied the explosives, as well as those who carried out the attacks.

Meantime, France's left-liberal daily *Libération* joined the British media in cheering on a Uighur ethnic separatist operation in Xinjiang, running a clandestine interview with a "militant Uighur autonomist." This individual states: "All we need now, is a small flame, to set fire to everything. Fear is everywhere. There is a kind of general psychosis among us Uighurs. We see the enemy everywhere. For millennia, the Chinese have tried to colonize us. We have battled for millennia against Chinese imperial policy. All we want is autonomy. I am very pessimistic, unless the Chinese extend their hand to us and stop their policy of bringing Han Chinese into Xinjiang."

Laughland shows how the British 'do history'

On March 2, British European Foundation official John Laughland (who made his fame since 1989 by promoting the lie that "unified Germany is the Fourth Reich") wrote an article in the *Sunday Times*, headlined "Germany, Naturally an Empire," pontificating that Germany has always been, and continues to be, a natural empire, with a "universalist missionary mentality." Most absurd of all, is his claim that modern German imperialism, from the Kaiser, through Hitler, up to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, is "inspired by the theories of Friedrich List, the 19th-century economist famed for having attacked Adam Smith's theories of free trade" (gliding deftly past the fact that Smith's free-trade theories were—and continue to be—the bedrock of Britain's Empire).

A journalist with *Strategic Alert* con-

tacted Laughland, and raised the simple point that List's main influence was not, in fact, within Germany (where he designed the anti-free-trade Customs Union), but rather in the United States, where he was a key influence on the economic advisers collaborating with Abraham Lincoln. Laughland, who is on the payroll of Sir James Goldsmith, and is a vocal ally of Baroness Thatcher, stuttered uncomfortably: "Hmm, um, that's true, I didn't think of that. Now that you mention it. . . . Hmm, that part of List is largely forgotten. But you are right, that is an omission in my work, I suppose, very curious, yes, you are right, hmm."

Pakistan seeks urgent dialogue with India

Pakistan on Feb. 28 made a "creative diplomatic proposal for an urgent meeting with India at the level of foreign secretaries for the exclusive purpose of setting the stage for 'meaningful discussions' " between their prime ministers, according to *The Hindu*. It has been suggested by Pakistan's new Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, that the foreign ministers should meet, "preferably before the end of March." By calling for a preparatory meeting at the foreign secretary level, Pakistan made it clear that its primary objective is to ensure "some progress on the core issue of Jammu and Kashmir."

Sharif apparently hopes to seize the "historic opportunity" offered by the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of both India's and Pakistan's independence from Britain in 1947. The proposal, which conveys a sense of great urgency to "deal with all the outstanding disputes that bedevil relations," is a direct response to Indian Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda's "willingness for wide-ranging and comprehensive talks on all issues of mutual concern," Sharif said.

For Pakistan, a critical consideration is whether India will include Kashmir as one of the "issues of mutual concern." Sharif expressed the hope that Gowda "will agree that without some progress on the core issue of Jammu and Kashmir, it will be difficult to initiate meaningful cooperation in economic and cultural fields."

15,000 BELGIANS gathered in Brussels on March 9 outside the Islamic Center, where a memorial service was held for the latest pedophile murder victim, Loubna Benaissa, who was nine years old when she was kidnapped in 1992. A Parliamentary Commission is investigating official protection for pedophile Marc Dutroux, who was arrested after the first four bodies were uncovered six months ago.

NATO TROOPS removed illegal roadblocks set up in the Hercegovinian city of Mostar by local Croats and confiscated some weapons, AFP reported on Feb. 24. The operation followed two recent attacks against armored vehicles belonging to the Stabilization Forces (SFOR). NATO issued a warning that its units in Mostar will not hesitate to use weapons against those trying to attack the SFOR contingent.

CARL BILD, former Swedish prime minister, will leave his post as International High Representative in Bosnia in May, and was expected to lead his country's Conservatives in the next general election in September 1998. Bildt is a prominent figure in George Soros's first West European policy group, "Charter Europe," a "pro-Maastricht" populist counter-gang to Jimmy Goldsmith's "anti-Maastricht" Referendum Party and Other Europe.

'CONSCIENCE International," a new magazine published by Chief Abiola Ogundokun, a member of Nigeria's Constitutional Conference, published two articles by *EIR* contributors: One by Nancy Spannaus on the future of the Clinton White House, and a second by Uwe Friesecke on "Africa's Economic Challenge."

VATICAN RADIO said that nine Rwandan priests and three Rwandan nuns were believed to have been killed in the eastern Zaire town of Kalima in February, at the time the town was under the control of the British-backed force of Laurent Kabila, Uganda, and Rwanda.