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# Shubeilat: UN must lift embargo against Iraq

Laith Shubeilat, a former member of Jordan's Parliament and head of the country's Engineers Association, called on the United Nations to lift the embargo against Iraq during a speech on April 12 at a meeting of the United Arab Community Club in Los Angeles. The group is raising funds for medical shipments for Iraqi children, who have been victimized by the continuation of the Bush-Thatcher sanctions. An appeal endorsed by numerous Arab-American organizations addressed the "conscience of those at the helm of the UN to stop this outrageous collective punishment by lifting the embargo immediately. The UN should be an agent for saving children, not an instrument of destroying them."

Shubeilat told the Arab-American community that the embargo on Iraq is really an embargo against the Arab world, and is part of the population wars and genocide against the developing countries, "especially those with the cultural history to provide a backbone for a humane civilization, who would someday defy the looting of the poor world."

### Political scandals and murders shake S. Africa

As South Africa gets drawn deeper into the Great Lakes/Zaire battlefield, the British Empire is intensifying its grip over the republic, on the one hand co-opting leading figures in the African National Congress (ANC) via the privatization of state-sector enterprises, while, on the other hand, removing potential opposition via scandal and assassinations.

On March 24, Leonard Radu, head of the Internal Security Unit of the South African Police Service (SAPS) and member of the National Intelligence Co-ordinating Committee, which links all military and civilian agencies, was killed in a car accident, which is being investigated as a possible murder. Radu was the highest ranking ANC member in the police apparatus, and was handling an investigation of the former gov-

ernment's police spies within the ANC. Similarly, new disclosures in the 1993 assassination of ANC and South African Communist Party leader Chris Hanni, point to elements within the ANC in helping set up his murder.

A scandal has come to light in the course of joint South African-Swiss efforts to break a gold-smuggling ring, as well: Toward the end of 1996, Minister of Safety and Public Security Mufamadi told the Parliament that millionaire socialite Paul Ekon, who helped finance the ANC's 1994 election effort, was an object of the investigation, and that Swiss cooperation would be required in the probe.

# George Soros fishing in Albania's troubled waters

The role of global speculator George Soros in manipulating the upcoming elections in troubled Albania was the subject of an exposé by Danilo Taino in Italy's Corriere della Sera, on April 14. Soros, he wrote, financed Koha Jone, "the main opposition paper that played a central role in last months' rebellion: \$125,000 ... without which, the newspaper would have died." Piro Misha, a director of the Soros's Open Society Foundation for Albania, told Taino: "Sure, at first, we had a good relationship with [President] Berisha. We hoped to work with the government and the new parties for an open society." Later, Soros supposedly recognized "Berisha's authoritarian tendencies, and since last year, the foundation has become a rallying point for the opposition."

Soros's Open Society foundations foster "democracy" in former socialist countries by pouring money into the election campaigns of their favorite candidates, in countries whose economies have been destroyed by free-market doctrines. Albania is no different, as Misha explained: "We have a project... to offer society the instruments to understand what their rights are. Soros's foundation in Tirana, which comprises 150 intellectuals, wants to contribute to writing the new election law and to reforming school programs, besides making 'material contributions' to the media, [and] publishing some books." (They just translated into

Albanian, *Right Wing and Left Wing*, by Italian terrorist controller Norberto Bobbio. Misha continued, "Officially, [the foundation] will not suggest whom to vote for. But ... with the resources available to one of the richest men in the world, the influence of the foundation will be decisive."

#### Zimbabwe defense firms arming Kabila in Zaire

The Zimbabwe Defense Industries, according to Germany's *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, is directly arming the forces of Laurent Kabila, which would include his new Zairean trainees and the Katangan gendarmes, officially supplying "military hardware, food rations, uniforms, footwear, and tents."

Zimbabwe Defense Industries is run out of Harare, Zimbabwe by Col. Tsiaga Judge Dube, who is also on the board of directors of the UN Institute for Disarmament Research. Zimbabwe is emerging as the southern head-quarters for the "African peacekeeping force" which is to be deployed exclusively by the UN Security Council, but the fact that Dube is supplying Kabila underlines that the UN is backing him. Further, according to a resident Africa expert at the Royal Institute for International Affairs, Britain is militarily building up Zimbabwe.

#### U.S. to help alleviate North Korean famine

The Clinton administration announced on April 15 that it "has decided to provide humanitarian assistance in the amount of 50,000 metric tons of corn, valued at approximately \$15 million, for use in assisting the roughly 2.4 million children under the age of six in North Korea who we believe are at risk because of the current food shortages," according to State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns. Burns said the U.S. was responding to an "appeal targetted specifically towards feeding children by the United Nations World Food Program." The World Food Program's appeal is for 200,000 tons of food, estimating the short-

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age at 1.8-2.3 million metric tons, nearly half of North Korea's food needs. "We have already heard credible reports of death by starvation in the North Korean countryside." Burns said.

U.S. Rep. Tony Hall and former U.S. Agency for International Development official Andrew Natsios confirmed the reports of widespread starvation at their press conference in Washington on April 17, but revealed that aid is, as Hall put it, "trickling in, and it's not much."

Natsios added, "The 100,000 tons of food the World Food Program asked for early in the year, I think, got a response of 50 or 60,000 tons. . . . The amount which is needed to stop the dynamic of the famine is 1 million tons. . . . A hundred thousand tons will feed the country for about a week." Hall stressed that what aid was coming "only serves somewhere between 1.5 and 3 million people. North Korea's population is around 25 million, and a great portion of the population is at risk."

#### Mail bomb sent to Myanmar official

A mail bomb intended for Lt. Gen. Tin Oo, Second Secretary of Myanmar's ruling State Law and Order Council (SLORC), was sent to his Yangon home, where his 32-year-old daughter was killed on April 6, when she opened the package. In a speech at the Defense Ministry, General Oo said that the bomb was part of a "wily scheme to grab power" by "underground and aboveground destructionists," according to media reports.

SLORC First Secretary Lt. Gen. Khin Nyunt told the Japanese newspaper *Nihon Keizi Shimbun* that anti-government groups in Japan were responsible for the mail bomb attack. He said that Myanmar leaders had received threatening calls from such groups in Japan on many occasions. He also hinted that Myanmar expatriates were receiving support from foreign organizations, and urged the Japanese government to look into the case.

In the same interview, General Nyunt ruled out any chance of working with the

National League for Democracy (NLD) led by Project Democracy darling and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi. "How can we do it?" he said, after criticizing the NLD's support for anti-government activities. In an act of defiance of the SLORC, Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been under house arrest, organized "New Year celebrations" at her home on April 14, inviting some 2,000 "democracy activists."

### Prince Philip runs global 'anti-corruption' mafia

The Milan daily *Il Giornale* on April 18 reveals that Britain's Prince Philip and Evelyn de Rothschild have established an outfit called Transparency International (TI), to run a "holy war against corruption." This group has a close connection to Italy's "Clean Hands" corruption scandals, which, since 1992, have wrecked every postwar political institution in the country.

TI officially launched its Italian branch on Jan. 20, hosting Clean Hands prosecutors Piercamillo Davigo and Gherardo Colombo. Investigative journalist Gianluigi Nuzzi quotes from TI's basic anti-corruption document, which proclaims it is "An Interfaith Declaration for a Code of Ethics on International Business for Christians, Muslims, and Jews."

Nuzzi reported on TI's strategy, as it was explained to him by Italy's chairman Maria Teresa Brassiolo: "By this summer, TI will conclude close agreements with some South American and Eastern European countries to assist them in 'developing national strategies to eliminate corruption.' Then, the focus will shift to Europe, last stop: Italy. The way is simple: the World Bank will distribute loans to developing countries and 'will ask TI to create the system of control and budgeting.' "According to EIR's sources, Brassiolo is a leader of the secessionist Northern League.

Nuzzi lists some 40 agencies that fund Transparency International, few of them models of any faith's definition of ethics: They include the Ford Foundation, the UN Development Program, and British Empire companies Rio Tinto Zinc and Tate & Lyle.

### Briefly

**IRAN AND IRAQ** resumed their talks on normalizing relations, at a meeting of their foreign ministers in Rabat, Morocco in mid-April.

UGANDAN OPPOSITION newspaper *The Shariat* of April 1-7, reprinted Lyndon LaRouche's editorial in *EIR* of Feb. 7, warning President Clinton against being drawn into a British-orchestrated quagmire in Africa, under the title "British Turn Museveni into a Mercenary." The feature is accompanied by a cartoon published in the *New Federalist* showing Lady Lynda Chalker walking Museveni, her "dog of war."

SUDAN invited its neighbor Egypt to attend the planned April 21 signing of the peace agreement between Khartoum and Sudan's rebels. Cabinet Affairs Minister Salah-Eddin Mohamed Ahmed Karra told reporters on April 14, "We would welcome Egypt to witness the signing, as it will be a chance to forget, or, at least, freeze our differences, and reaffirm the unity of Sudan."

NEWCASTLE Classics professor Peter Jones explained that most Englishmen could care less about the May 1 elections, because "the simple fact is that we do not live under a democracy. We live under an oligarchy," and most of the Queen's subjects know "they are powerless," he wrote in a feature for the *Sunday Telegraph* on April 14. "Our system bears no relation to original Athenian democracy. We make no decisions. . . . Rarely are Members of Parliament or civil servants held accountable. Even our voices are not heard."

PRINCE PHILIP made a tactless slip of the tongue on April 14 at Germany's Hanover Industrial Fair, where he referred to Chancellor Helmut Kohl as "Herr Reichskanzler" (there has been no Reichskanzler since Hitler). Perhaps not coincidentally, Britain is gearing up for another round of Germany-bashing, accusing it of trying to establish a so-called "Fourth Reich."

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