

# International Intelligence

## **French official first to visit Ethiopian regime**

French State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Olivier Stirn has just completed an official visit to Ethiopia, where he signed agreements providing that country with export credits to finance the purchase of railroad equipment and other capital goods. Stirn also announced that France would be sending a thousand tons of food aid to Ethiopia.

Stirn becomes the first Western government official to visit that country since the pro-Soviet regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam took over three years ago. French sources emphasize that Ethiopia's leaders are increasingly looking to the West, and to France in particular. Olivier Stirn bore a personal message to the Ethiopian head of state from President Giscard, with a proposal for relaunching Giscard's initiative to convene a conference of the Horn of Africa countries in order to settle regional economic and political problems. France has also invited Somalia, Djibouti, Sudan, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, and North and South Yemen to attend.

## **Peccei calls for youth 'cultural revolution'**

Aurelio Peccei, the founder of the anti-growth Club of Rome, has issued a new book in France titled *One Hundred Pages for the Future*. The publication was timed to coincide with France's national elections.

Peccei calls for the Club of Rome to reorient itself toward youth recruitment, since youth are flexible enough to implement the club's Malthusian policies. Man is but an accident in creation, claims Peccei, and Christianity imposed a specious image of man at the center of the universe. The nation-state is said to be a "remnant of tribalism of old," and must be superseded by supranational institutions.

Peccei says a transformation in man's

self-image requires a "kind of people's army," recruited from the counterculture. "The existence of so many spontaneous groups and grouplets bears witness to the vitality of our societies even in the crisis they are undergoing. Some day it will be necessary to find the means of consolidating their scattered efforts to direct them toward strategic aims." He proposes the creation of "research, reflection, debate, and proposal centers on the future of humanity, exclusively led by youth."

## **Coup attempts fail in Sudan, Mauritania**

Sudan President Numeiry stated in a March 16 interview that he had discovered a plot to overthrow his government the preceding week. Numeiry said the plot was led by Sa'd Bahr, a retired general, and five other officers, all of whom had been arrested. Sa'd Bahr has twice before attempted coups against Numeiry, in 1971 and again last May.

Numeiry charged that the coup was instigated by the Soviets and Syria, and that Soviet "infiltration of Africa and the Gulf region" was a "cancer" threatening to take over all of Africa.

In a remarkable turnaround from his previous, more nonaligned, position, Numeiry stressed that only the U.S., as a superpower, can confront such attempts. He called on the West to increase economic and military aid as a deterrent to what he called "Soviet infiltration" of the continent, pledged to give military facilities to the U.S. to stop the "gradual and systematic Soviet infiltration," and said he would welcome U.S. assistance in training the Sudanese armed forces. This amounts to a virtual offer to integrate Sudan into the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force setup.

At the end of his interview, Numeiry also invited Western financiers to Sudan to exploit mineral resources such as gold, silver, iron, chrome and asbestos.

Forced cancellation of Sudanese de-

velopment projects by the IMF two years ago led to a downward spiraling of the economy and dangers of destabilization, aggravated by large numbers of refugees escaping wars and famines in neighboring countries.

In Mauritania, a coup attempt failed March 16 by two former members of the Mauritanian military who were residing in Morocco. Following the 1978 coup in Mauritania, that country withdrew support from Morocco in the latter's attempt to annex the Western Sahara, a former Spanish possession.

The leaders of the abortive coup had opposed the withdrawal of Mauritanian support for Morocco on the question of annexing the Spanish territory.

## **EIR founder slandered as 'Zionist,' 'Nazi'**

"Apparently the ADL has made another conquest," wrote Alfred Lilienthal, a self-proclaimed Jewish anti-Zionist in his journal *Middle East Perspective*. The Anti-Defamation League's "new conquest," claimed Lilienthal, is EIR's founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. Lilienthal, who claims to be a "true friend of the Arabs," cites a "recent LaRouche press release and telegram to Menachem Begin calling 'the defeat of President Carter the greatest liberation of Israel since Moses led the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt' and asking for all out aid for Israel."

Lilienthal recently visited London, sponsored by the Islamic Council of Europe and the Center for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding, two fronts for British ties to the Muslim Brotherhood.

In a related development, so-called Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal alleged that the primary threat to American Jews were the Liberty Lobby and Lyndon LaRouche. Wiesenthal made his comments in an interview with the Los Angeles *Heritage Jewish Press*.

EIR has uncovered the fact that Wiesenthal is a member in good standing of

the oligarchical Order of Orange-Nassau, and admits he received 80 percent of his funds from non-Jewish sources. Of public prominence among his funders is Prince Reinhardt, a former aide to Heinrich Himmler and top SS officer.

### ***Cholera outbreak In South Africa***

The South African Department of Health reports that many of the black homelands and townships in South Africa and Mozambique are suffering an epidemic of cholera. The department states that there has been "neglect and breakdown" of health services for these areas. The outbreak is the worst in 25 years: since last October, 1,800 cases and 27 deaths have been reported, mostly of blacks living in squalid conditions.

The spread of the disease is directly related to the South African government's policy of forcibly relocating blacks into impoverished "homelands." Cholera cases have also been reported in Tanzania and Nigeria, in regions where sanitary conditions are insufficient.

### ***Kirkpatrick backs Israeli provocations in Lebanon***

U.N. ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick is encouraging Israel's Begin government to unleash new atrocities in southern Lebanon.

According to sources at the United Nations, Kirkpatrick and her advisers, all members of the new Committee for the Free World, have blocked a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning the renegade southern Lebanese forces of Colonel Saad Haddad, forces Israel lavishly provides with funding and weapons. The resolution had been put forward following the murder of two Nigerian soldiers belonging to the U.N.'s Lebanon

peacekeeping force by Haddad's troops.

The blockage of censure sets the stage for an Israeli confrontation with the head of the U.N. forces there, Major Gen. William Callaghan. Reportedly due to pressure from Western European countries, Callaghan met an Israeli commander along the Israeli-Lebanese border and demanded that Israel withdraw its own forces from the south and stop supporting the Haddad terrorists. The commander, Avigdor ben-Gal, flatly refused. Haddad thus has a green light for his troops, who are randomly lobbing mortar shells into heavily populated parts of Tyre and Sidon, destroying hospitals and schools.

Begin's intransigence will also force a radicalization of Palestinian militia units in Lebanon, with probable spillover effects in various "liberation movements" all the way to the Persian Gulf.

### ***Violence-prone networks descend on Washington***

As part of Phase Two of the planned destabilization of the Reagan administration, terrorist-linked gangs poured into Washington the weekend of March 20, including holding a rally and march by the Palestinian Congress of North America, the Muslim Student Association, the Iranian Student Association, and the Anti-Klan Network.

The Palestinian Congress of North America, nominally protesting the deportation of a Palestinian terrorist, Abu Eid, was created by Jawad George, an associate of Kim Philby's KGB/British intelligence operations. The Iranian student groups are controlled by Bahraim Nahidian, a Muslim Brotherhood liaison in the U.S. who has called the weekend demonstrations to disrupt anti-Khomeini Iranian conferences scheduled to begin March 20.

In addition, Daniel Berrigan is calling for a series of antiwar marches on the El Salvador issue, beginning in May, to be preceded by feeder events in Washington.

## ***Briefly***

● **PRESIDENT GISCARD** and Chancellor Schmidt did not focus on European Community negotiation strategy at their March 15 summit; that could have been handled over the telephone, stresses the German press. The unexpected meeting was designed as a demonstration of political unity and confidence about their aggressive economic and foreign policies.

● **GERMANY'S** Federal Bureau for Criminal Investigations has issued a national alert against an outbreak of terrorism and violent demonstrations between March and Easter. One danger signal is the reactivation of support networks for the Red Army Fraction group. The terrorists' backers are campaigning to free jailed RAF members.

● **SATO** got a green light during Argentine president designate General Roberto Viola's visit to Washington March 16-19, according to American Security Council sources. Under such a South Atlantic accord, which need not officially involve the U.S., South American regimes would join South Africa in controlling oil routes, but Brazil's ties to black Africa and Arab oil producers are seen as a major obstacle by others.

● **JAMAICA'S** national security minister, Winston Spaulding, announced a plan to eradicate the clandestine air strips from which a hundred tons of marijuana are flown each day to the United States. It seems that the grasshopper planes have nearly collided in mid-air with scheduled commercial jetliners so often that the *Kingston Daily Gleaner* warns tourists to avoid night flights. The new Jamaican government of Prime Minister Edward Seaga is on record promoting marijuana legalization in order to minimize such inconveniences.