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Ariel Sharon makes Honduras dope junket

Ariel Sharon visited Honduras in early December as more than an arms dealer selling everything from light weapons to Kfir fighters: the narcotics traffic was rearranged as well.

According to cross-checked reports from anti-drug and intelligence sources, the Israeli defense minister was attempting to establish Honduras as the center of a revamped drug-trafficking route through war-ridden Central America and into the United States.

The drug operation is intended to provide a source of ready and expanded cash flow to Sharon's operations. Sharon also hopes to sabotage the work of the 12 anti-drug task forces which have been established by the Reagan administration in the last months. A third goal is to create in Honduras and Central America a haven and base of operations for the individuals being sought in the simultaneous narcotics crackdowns in Italy, Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, and Bolivia, crackdowns aided by the administration's anti-drug effort.

According to Middle East sources, Sharon's agent "on the ground" in Honduras for the operation is a retired Israeli general named Gorodish, a former tank commander dismissed from the Israeli army following the 1973 war on charges of corruption. A group of wealthy Palestinian families centered in the city of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, also play a crucial role the sources report. These Palestinian families hold leading posts in the cabinet and control major sections of the Honduran economy.

Dr. Teller in Israel: Greenies resemble Nazis

Prof. Edward Teller, speaking in Israel in mid-December, warned that the Green movement now rampant in Europe is analogous to the Nazi movement of the 1930s. "There is a new irrationalist movement emerging in Germany and western Europe," Teller said, "and it scares me, for I have seen it all before."

Teller recounted his student years in Germany in the 1920s and 1930s, when the Nazi movement was on the rise. The Greenies are not exactly the same as the Nazis, said Teller, but the comparison is apt. He went on to score the Green movement's plans to transform Germany into a "prehistoric economy" capable of supporting only 700,000 people.

Teller also told the Israelis that they should build an experimental fusion reactor. Teller's recommendation countered the dominant feeling in Israel that fusion is not economically practical, noting that the usefulness of an experimental reactor for Israel had been underestimated, even though it might take years for fusion to be a source of commercial electricity.

Last spring, the Israeli Energy Ministry agreed to provide a site for a \$100 million fusion reactor designed by the International Energy Systems Company of California. The Israeli government has refused to invest in the project.

Socialists hit for Gibraltar capitulation

An editorial, "The Gate of Gibraltar," in the Madrid newspaper *ABC*, documents in considerable detail the pro-British treason of Spain's new Socialist government—unilaterally ending the longstanding blockade of the British colony of Gibraltar to the overwhelming benefit of Great Britain. The ending of the segregation of Gibraltar from the adjacent Spanish mainland will allow Britain to make a fortune running contraband into Spain, turning Gibraltar "into a Singapore or Hong Kong" on Europe's shores, *ABC* wrote. The Socialists' capitulation is "a victory for Mrs. Thatcher, and a gift to the British Treasury without the slightest concession to decolonizing Gibraltar, the only colonial possession still remaining on European soil," the editorial continued. Britain's use of Gibraltar as a free-enterprise zone with free access to Spain "will ruin Spanish industry" in the region. Up until now, due to Spain's policy of non-communication with Gibraltar, the colony had been "a considerable drain on the British Treasury."

Major responsibility for the Gibraltar capitulation is being laid at the feet of Spain's new Foreign Minister, Fernando Moran, a member of the Club of Rome.

Washington 'Jap bashing' precedes Nakasone visit

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone is scheduled to visit Washington Jan. 17-21; big efforts are under way to ensure that the environment prevailing during that visit is hostile to Japan.

On Dec. 15 the U.S. House of Representatives passed by a vote of 215-188 the "local content" bill, which would require that all cars imported into the United States consist mostly of parts that originate in the U.S. The bill, which is a virtual declaration of trade war, would increase year-by-year the ratio of parts that must originate in the U.S., reaching 90 percent within several years. Word in Washington is that the bill will not pass the Senate, but the very existence of the bill is a severe threat (and affront) to Japan.

A day later, the American Iron and Steel Institute, together with eight large steel companies, filed an unfair trade complaint against Japan under the provisions of the 1974 Trade Act. The complaint alleges that Japan is dumping steel products in the American market.

These two actions follow by days the conclusion of two rounds of negotiations between Japan and the United States on trade matters. Deputy Trade Negotiator David MacDonald was in Tokyo in early December demanding that Japan "liberalize" its import regulations, while Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs Allen Wallis issued similar demands to officials of the Japanese Foreign Ministry. The European Commission filed a formal complaint with GATT (the monetarist free-trade enforcement arm) against Japan on Dec. 13.

On the political front, a "red scare" is underway in Tokyo.

A supposed KGB defector gave a press conference in Washington during which he released the content of secret testimony he gave to the House select committee on intelligence last July. In that testimony, the

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former agent Levchenko said that he employed 25 leading Japanese as KGB agents while he was based in Japan, and worked with an additional 200 Japanese. He announced that he is now writing a book on this subject, the contents of which will first have to be cleared by the CIA, at which point he will make public the names of his Japanese collaborators. Naturally, Japan's newspapers are now obsessed with learning the identity of the supposed KGB agents. In his testimony, Levchenko included efforts to expand Japan-Soviet economic cooperation and efforts to organize opposition to the "China Card" policy as two of his main responsibilities.

Central American peace proposal revived

Efforts have begun in both Venezuela and Mexico to reactivate the joint peace initiative, for Central America begun under the López Portillo administration. Leonardo Ferrer, a deputy from the ruling party in Venezuela, early in December called upon Mexican President de la Madrid to issue a statement reactivating the two countries' offer to mediate between Honduras and Nicaragua, now at the point of war. Mexico's ambassador to Nicaragua, Augusto Gómez Villaneuva, responded immediately that Ferrer's statements should be taken up by the Mexican government.

Then, de la Madrid told the French newspaper *Le Figaro* Dec. 10 that everything which happens in Central America "is of vital interest to Mexico, and that is why we want to find solutions to the crisis that is affecting our sister nations." De la Madrid pointed to the French-Mexican initiative for Nicaragua of 1981 as a precedent for what could be done in Central America. This was de la Madrid's first major foreign-policy pronouncements; Mexico's enemies expect its internal economic crisis to limit any action in international affairs. Mexico, along with Colombia and Venezuela, is key to any Caribbean settlement.

On Dec. 15 a member of the Costa Rican government raised the possibility of a break in relations with Nicaragua, following mu-

tual accusations between the two governments of aggression. Honduras simultaneously took a protest before the United Nations concerning Nicaraguan incursions against its territory at the end of November and beginning of December.

Both moves further Nicaragua's isolation and sense of encirclement, which have been deliberately created to drive Nicaragua to seek military aid and support from Cuba and East bloc allies—thus opening the way for a superpower confrontation in Central America.

The kidnapping of the daughter of the Honduran president by left-wing guerillas Dec. 14 during a visit to Guatemala will further efforts to form a military triangle of Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador against Nicaragua.

Chirac reviles Malthusian bishops

Following a meeting with Pope John Paul II, Jacques Chirac, a leader of France's Gaullist party, the RPR, called a press conference to issue a harsh attack against the French Synod of Bishops for its recent endorsement of pacifism and neo-Malthusian environmentalism.

"In the case of France," said Chirac, "I see that the declaration of the Bishops proposes a very weak conception in economic and social terms, and a Malthusianism in every way contrary to the demands of social progress."

Chirac noted that the timing of the Bishop's declaration was designed to give support to the French government's austerity program, "allowing the government to proclaim that the Church was supporting their economic and social policy."

The Gaullist leader also denounced the American church for supporting the "pacifist" movement: "The majority of American bishops are preparing to condemn the nuclear deterrent and therefore to have reservations about President Reagan's military policies . . . the bishops would thus reinforce the pacifist movement which is developing in the United States as well as the dangerous and irresponsible doctrine of the nuclear freeze."

● **VICTOR EMMANUEL** of Savoy, son of the pretender to the throne of Italy, Umberto, has been linked to the giant Stipam International drug-and-arms network through his sister Maria Gabriella, the former lover of arms dealer Renato Gamba. Interrogation of Gamba also resulted in the arrest of another Savoy hanger-on, Gamba employee Cesco dalla Zorza.

● **HENRY KISSINGER** was accused of responsibility for the 1978 assassination of Italian Christian Democrat Aldo Moro in a Dec. 16 article in the Venezuelan newspaper *El Diario de Caracas*. The author was Juan José Monsant, one of the foreign relations chiefs for the government party COPEI. *EIR* Ibero-American Editor Robyn Quijano had just visited Venezuela, stressing the recent Italian revelations about Kissinger.

● **CARDINAL KROL** of Philadelphia said in the *Wall Street Journal* Dec. 9 that the Bank of Italy must accept part of the responsibility for the collapse of the Banco Ambrosiano. Oligarchic financial networks have been trying to make the most of the Vatican's financial exposure through Ambrosiano.

● **BERNT CARLSSON** predicted Dec. 15 that the U.S. would soon be hit by "an earthquake" that would cause a "fundamental social restructuring" there. The Executive Director of the Socialist International laid both high interest rates and the world depression at the door of Ronald Reagan and the Republican Party.

● **CRITON ZOAKOS**, *EIR*'s editor-in-chief, arrived in Cairo Dec. 13 along with Middle East editor Thierry Lalevéé. They will tour several major industrial projects and meet with political and economic leaders. The visit should accelerate the dialogue in Egypt on the economic and strategic ideas of *EIR* and its founder, Lyndon LaRouche.