

International Intelligence

London Economist calls for dumping Mrs. Gandhi

The London *Economist* has come out with a garish attack on Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, complete with a cover caricature of her as the Goddess Kali, the goddess of death. The story appears in the Aug. 25-Sept. 1 issue.

"A ruler who regards opponents as demons is liable to start behaving in a demonic way," scribble the *Economist* editors in their long lament over the fact that Mrs. Gandhi has cracked down on the Sikh separatist problem in the Punjab and worked to have the Congress-I party take over states which are tending toward separatism.

"With a general election in India only months away, even a fragmented opposition evidently posed an unacceptable risk," the *Economist* continues. "So, like the warrior goddess Kali, she set out to smite all centres of opposition power, starting in Sikkim, moving on to terror-ridden Punjab, and then to Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh."

The *Economist* ends its article by stating that "the manipulation of India has gone too far"—an incredible line coming from the magazine of the East India Company. The *Economist* calls upon Indian voters to turn out the "corrupt" Congress-I. This is a call not only for getting rid of Mrs. Gandhi, but for destroying India's ruling institutions.

UNICEF: 7 million Ethiopians may starve

The lives of 7 million Ethiopians are threatened by a combination of drought and famine, according to a report released by the international agency UNICEF on Aug. 21. The figures are based on the assessment of the Ethiopian government agency, the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, that 5.2 million inhabitants of Ethiopia itself, plus over 2 million refugees and others from Djibouti, Somalia, and Sudan, are in jeopardy.

The agency reports that many of the people affected by the famine and the drought,

which has lasted from 3 to 11 years in different parts of the country, live in regions which are inaccessible to the efforts of relief agencies. These are the mountainous northern regions of Tigre, Eritrea, Gonder, and Wollo, among others.

The Ethiopian crisis is the leading edge of the disaster in sub-Saharan Africa as a whole. For the last several years, the continent has been shut off from credits, in a blockade coordinated by the International Monetary Fund.

Swedish air force beefs up Baltic defenses

The Swedish Defense Staff announced the last week in August that it will henceforth base interceptor aircraft and anti-aircraft missiles on the Baltic island of Gotland. Although there are airfields on Gotland, which lies less than 200 kilometers from the Soviet Union, the Swedes have no permanently based air force units there. The forward-basing measures were decided upon in response to an incident on Aug. 9 when a Soviet Sukhoi-15 fighter, equipped with heat-seeking missiles, trailed a Swedish civilian airliner with 276 passengers nearly 30 kilometers into Swedish airspace over Gotland.

The Swedish air force also announced the stationing of an additional squadron of Viggen fighter planes at its northernmost F21 airbase. In an interview in the Stockholm daily *Svenska Dagbladet* on Aug. 25, base commander Brig. Gen. Bert Stenfeldt stated: "Those of us who fly up here in the North realize that the strategic situation is becoming more and more exposed. . . . The expansion of airfields in both the Soviet Union and Finland and the stationing of modern commando units [in the North] indicate the importance that especially the Soviet Union attributes to its Murmansk [naval] base and other military facilities on the Kola Peninsula."

Simultaneously, to increase the survivability of aircraft based in the North, the Swedes will begin to disperse planes at

smaller, hidden airstrips and have begun to dig tunnels for protection of aircraft. Tunnels have already been built for 10 Viggen fighters at one base.

The importance of Northern Europe in any Soviet war plan has been underlined increasingly in the European press in recent weeks. The West German daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* reported Aug. 20 that, in the context of the large Soviet naval maneuvers off the Norwegian coast in April, the Chief of the Soviet Navy, Admiral Sergei Gorshkov, "asserted that the control of the sea would be made significantly easier by seizing control of the adjacent land areas. That the neutrality of Finland and Sweden would be respected in such a takeover is improbable," the paper added.

Islamic Nazis step up campaign against America

Ahmed Ben Bella, the former Algerian President and an asset of Swiss banker François Genoud's Nazi International for the last 30 years, has launched a new attack against Christopher Columbus and the discovery of America.

In the latest edition of his magazine, *Al Badil*, Ben Bella argues that the colonization of the Americas led to the large-scale implementation of a policy of "ethnocide" against Indian populations which, "like the Mexicans [the Aztecs—ed.], often had a culture far superior to those of Europe [sic]."

A companion article in the same magazine by French ethnologue Claude Levi-Strauss continues the theme upon which Ben Bella is building his political movement. Levi-Strauss stresses that this policy of "ethnocide" has been embodied within Western Judeo-Christian civilization since the very beginning!

A similar attack on America and the bankruptcy of the "melting pot" conception has been launched throughout the Islamic fundamentalist press. Another person spearheading these attacks is Najmuddin Bamate, who is a Ben Bella associate, a former deputy director of UNESCO, and intimately

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● **CHAD'S** government is on an emergency mobilization to relieve the "catastrophic" famine that has struck the south of the country, traditionally the breadbasket of the region. More than 75,000 people are living on daily handouts of porridge made from flour, milk, and soymilk.

● **THE SCHILLER** Institute's fight to prevent the "decoupling" of West Germany from the Atlantic Alliance, was covered in the July 23 international edition of *Newsweek*. The article, headlined "West Germany: NATO's Handicapped Ally," by Bonn bureau chief Theodore Stanger, quotes Michael Weissbach of the Schiller Institute on the growing danger to the alliance, describing the Schiller Institute as "a new conservative think tank created in part to halt West Germany's *Abkopplung*, or decoupling, from the NATO alliance. The article concludes: "There is no evidence yet that West Germany's missile-induced drift away from NATO is irreversible and that Bonn will not learn to live with the bomb."

● **NORWAY** has released a photograph taken of the "most advanced Soviet submarine destroyer," the P. Bjarne Lundgard, which shows it to be a significant "improvement" over the Soviets' 1976 model nuclear-propelled Victor III. The vessel is 104 meters in length, 6,000 tons (displacement weight), with a maximum velocity of 30 knots. It has a deep-water capacity of 400 meters and is equipped with a 3,000-kilometer range missile.

● **BRITISH** defense ministry sources say that they are "watching and praying" that the current dockers' strike does not spread to the militarily vital ports of Dover and Felixstone on the east coast. If it did, it would sabotage Exercise Lionheart, the three-stage British component of NATO's upcoming Autumn Forge maneuvers.

associated with the Houston, Texas Rothko Chapel that promotes Muslim fundamentalism in the United States.

Bammate told the French magazine *l'Idiot International* how satisfied he was that the "melting pot" conception was finally failing in the United States. Bammate himself comes from a Caucasus family which emigrated to Afghanistan and was closely associated with the intelligence service of the Nazi SS during the war.

Ben Bella was the chairman of a July 1982 meeting in Paris where a group of predominantly North African Muslims met, ostensibly to formulate a plan for a pilgrimage to Mecca. On the walls of the room was the familiar poster of Ayatollah Khomeini, but in a much more dominating position was a strange portrait—a likeness of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Husseini, Hitler's closest ally in the Muslim world. The actual aim of the conference was to prepare for the festivities commemorating the 50th anniversary of Hitler's rise to power.

Mafia burial creates uproar in Bogota

A funeral march was held by the Andean Labor Party (PLAN) on Aug. 23 in the crowded streets and plazas of Bogota, Colombia, to "mourn" the passing of the dope mafia. The mob is being hounded to death by President Belisario Betancur's war on drugs and by the PLAN's exposés of the top-level political protectors of the drug pushers.

The large, ornately designed casket, with a special window through which the body could be viewed, was followed by mourners who stopped in front of the bank owned by the family of former President Alfonso López Michelsen, the Banco de Bogota, its political mouthpiece *El Tiempo*, and its think tank ANIF. Followed by television cameras, the mourners pleaded that these institutions—in spite of the fact that the mafia in Colombia is now dying—continue their undying loyalty to their "mother."

"Don't turn your backs on us now, now that López Michelsen's blisters are being

stepped on by the arrest order against his prominent cousin, now that President Betancur is increasingly isolating and destroying us," the mourners wailed.

ANIF is the foremost lobby for legalizing dope in the country; *El Tiempo* is the pro-drug equivalent of the *New York Times*; El Banco de Colombia is Colombia's leading drug-laundering bank, the bank of Jamie Michelsen, who is the cousin of López Michelsen. Jamie Michelsen is now a fugitive in Miami; a warrant was recently issued for his arrest.

The procession drew large crowds wherever it went. The crowd was asked to guess who was in the coffin—many of the guesses were right. Sometimes the mock occupant was López Michelsen, sometimes it was Henry Kissinger. One onlooker chimed in: "You've got to make it bigger. López Michelsen is a big man."

East German Gnostics move into United States

A leading East German Gnostic "scholar," Kurt Rudolph of Leipzig, has recently defected and will shortly be arriving in the United States to take up a distinguished professorship at the University of California at Santa Barbara. The leader of the East German school of Gnostic scholars, Hans-Martin Schenke, is scheduled to be working out of the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York City next spring, though he is reportedly seeking to extend his U.S. visit for at least a year. According to a leading U.S. Gnostic scholar with close ties to the East Germans, the goal is to obtain a fellowship for Schenke at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies.

"All modern Gnostic movements come from Europe. . . . The Mexican movement came from Germany." He describes the religious cult as basically a revolt against the prevailing social order—whatever that social order may be. "You're familiar with the 1960s saying, 'It's the system that's the problem.' Well that's the hardcore of Gnosticism. The system has to be destroyed."