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Marcos warns: 'We're no banana republic'

Urban guerrillas raised the ante in the Philippines by assassinating a mayor in the southern island of Mindanao early on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 14. The murder of Zamboanga Mayor Cesar Climaco is the gravest political assassination in the Philippines since the murder of Benigno Aquino in August 1983. Climaco, although sharply critical of President Marcos, was a national figure, and his old-style political machine in Zamboanga played a stabilizing role in Mindanao, scene of most of the guerrilla warfare between the government, the Muslim Moro National Liberation Front, and the Communist-backed New People's Army.

Only 24 hours before the Climaco murder, President Marcos bluntly told U.S. Sen. Christopher Dodd that his government had no intention of seeking U.S. aid in fighting the stepped-up NPA insurgency. Marcos told Dodd the Philippines "should not be lumped with some South American countries considered as banana republics." What the U.S. should do, he said, is increase economic assistance.

The guerrilla insurgency is putting extreme pressure on the government, especially since the indictment of 28 military leaders, including Chief of Staff General Ver, for complicity in the Aquino assassination. Acting Chief of Staff General Ramos told a press conference on Nov. 13 that rebels are operating in almost all 73 provinces and 765 soldiers have been killed in clashes since the beginning of the year. When asked about a split in the military, Ramos said only, "No comment."

Soviets seek 'absolute control' of Pacific

The U.S. commander in Japan, Lt. Gen. Edward Tixier, warned on Nov. 14 that the Soviet military buildup in the Pacific poses

a growing threat to Japan. General Tixier's remarks were made to the American Chamber of Commerce in Tokyo. Tixier's remarks followed two incidents within less than 24 hours on Nov. 12-13, in which first 40, then 32 Japanese jets scrambled to prevent Soviet bombers from violating Japan's airspace.

Tixier said the Soviet buildup will include deployment of several advanced warships and attack aircraft, and "reflects Soviet concern about China and their Far East maritime provinces." The Soviet strategic objective is "to maintain absolute control" over access points to the Pacific for the Soviet fleet based at Vladivostok, such as the Soya Straits which separate the Japanese island of Hokkaido from Soviet Sakhalin. Besides the Soviet air and naval buildup at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam reveals its intention to tighten control over the South China Sea, he said.

In numbers, Tixier reported that the Soviet Pacific air force includes 2,100 aircraft, including 70 Backfire bombers equipped with air-to-surface missiles. Three out of four Backfires are less than 10 years old. SS-20 medium-range missiles will soon number 144, with the completion of a new Soviet base. In naval forces, Tixier said the 800-vessel Soviet Pacific fleet includes 87 major combatants, 2 nuclear aircraft carriers, and will probably be joined by a top-of-the-line Kirov-class missile cruiser. In submarines, the Soviet Pacific fleet outnumbered the United States two to one.

'Greens are no Nazis' claims liberal paper

To compare the Greens with the Nazis is "infamous," says Otto Schily, former defense lawyer of the Baader-Meinhof terrorists and now Green deputy in the West German parliament, in an interview with the liberal daily *Frankfurter Rundschau*. These claims, says Schily, "are easily exposed as a divisive maneuver, since large parts of the [ruling Christian Democratic] CDU/CSU come from the right-wing tradition, which

paved the way for the Nazis."

The counterattack on the Christian Democrats comes after some leaders of the government party joined the attacks on the Greens as fascists, following the lead of the Schiller Institute, which on Oct. 17 distributed 1.5 million leaflets in Europe, warning of a Green takeover of West Germany.

On Nov. 13, the *Frankfurter Rundschau* defended the Greens in a long feature. "It is unjust to compare the Greens to the Nazis," the paper quoted four "scientists," among them psychoanalyst Horst Eberhard Richter, spiritual father of the anarchist-terrorist movement. They have a different relation to violence than the Nazis, writes the daily, and do not fight the parliamentary system in the name of another authoritarianism as the Nazis did.

The Greens' respect for the parliamentary system was seen again in early November. A parliamentary decision went against the Greens' demand to "rotate" their deputies after half of the legislative term in the parliament of Lower Saxony. Green deputy Rudolf Groescher refused to leave the podium. After 50 minutes, he had to be carried out, feet first, by three stewards—a scene unprecedented since the 1930s.

In a letter to the French daily *Le Monde* on Nov. 14, Schily complains bitterly that this "newspaper of international reputation" printed an ad of the Schiller Institute demanding the outlawing of the fascist Greens.

Britain's Prince impatient to rule

Anyone who believes the British monarch occupies a strictly ceremonial position ought to take a good look at the Nov. 12 issue of the London *Daily Express*, which devoted its center page to "the royal dilemma that is troubling the Palace." The problem is "the Prince of Wales, who is tired of acting as a ceremonial figure." Prince Charles is quoted: "My great problem is that I really don't know what my role in life is. At the moment, I don't have one. But somehow, I must find

one for myself." Charles "realizes that another 20 years or more long years stretch ahead before he will become king. The Queen at 58 appears enviably healthy, still enjoys ruling after 32 years, and has always scoffed at suggestions that she might abdicate in his favor."

Prince Charles was brought up by his father Prince Phillip's uncle, Louis Mountbatten, a leader of the Fabian one-worldists who introduced the father, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the offspring Charles to the Torre e Tasso family's international operations.

"Under the British system, abdication does not happen. The monarch remains monarch for life," an official is quoted. The *Express* then quotes former Prime Minister Alec Douglas-Home, himself a Scottish oligarch: "It would create a very dangerous and undesirable precedent if the Queen were to abdicate. *Once is enough*. As a newly married man with a young family, he should be allowed to enjoy his private life now. There will be plenty of time for him to learn the craft of monarchy later." "Once is enough" refers to the abdication of the overtly pro-Nazi King Edward VIII in the late 1930s, allowing the royal family to have pro-fascist and "anti-fascist" branches.

Cyrus Hashemi hit by new scandals

An article, appearing in the Oct. 21 *Observer* of London, reports on new scandals associated with "Dr." Cyrus Hashemi, who once sued *EIR* and affiliated publications for printing the truth about his role in supplying arms to the Iranian dictator Khomeini. The suit was thrown out of court.

The article by Michael Gillard reports that Hashemi, a fugitive from U.S. justice and described as the Iranian turned Dominican, owes £4 million to London casinos. Hashemi is understood to owe £1.5 million to the Trident-owned Clermont as well as the same amount to the Park Lane and Ceockford's, another £500,000 to the Ritz,

and about half as much to Maxim's.

Most of these debts relate to bank drafts issued by Hashemi's Canterbury Credit Bank and Trust of Anguila and then not met. Hashemi is facing a threat of bankruptcy from the casinos owned by Lonrho. Merrill Lynch has obtained a judgment totaling \$570,000 against Hashemi's companies.

The *Observer* further noted that Hashemi is a fugitive from arrest following his indictment on 18 counts of breaking a U.S. embargo by supplying arms to the Iranian government during 1980 and 1981, as revealed in this publication.

Catholic university honors Sun Myung Moon

Despite livid protest from the Vatican, the Catholic University of La Plata, Argentina, conferred an honorary degree on cult leader Sun Myung Moon at a ceremony held at the United Nations' headquarters in New York on Nov. 15. Since Moon is currently serving a jail sentence for tax fraud, the award was received by his wife, Hak Ja Han Moon. Also honored with a degree, for "his contributions to Latin American unity" and "to science," was Moon's chief lieutenant, Bo Hi Pak, who heads the Moonie media empire that stretches from Washington and New York to Uruguay.

The awards were conferred by Nicolas Argentano, president of the university and a frequent participant in Moonie conferences, despite feverish last-minute protestations from the Vatican through its Nuncio at the United Nations, Giovanni Chelli, and its Nuncio in the United States, Pio Laghi. The Vatican also put pressure on La Plata Archbishop Antonio Jose Plaza, another Moon fan, to revoke the award, but Argentano defied their protests and proceeded with the ceremony.

The Moonies, who have established a strong business presence in Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia, much of it related to the drug trade, are now making a major push into Argentina.

● **LORIS FORTUNA**, a Socialist parliamentarian linked to the drug mafia, has presented a bill to the Italian parliament to legalize euthanasia. According to Fortuna, the sick person should just sign a statement in which he says he wants to die with dignity. The final decision on the case would not be left to the doctors or to the family, but "to a sort of popular jury." Fortuna is known for previous bills to legalize dope and abortion "on demand."

● **SVETLANA** Stalin is not the only defector to return to Moscow. Two soldiers who deserted from the Soviet army in Afghanistan and were granted asylum in Britain under the sponsorship of right-wing cultist Lord Bethell earlier this year, are going home to Mother Russia—clad in the black leather jackets Bethell bought for them.

● **BELISARIO** Betancur, the president of Colombia, agreed on Nov. 16 to implement the extradition treaty between the United States and Colombia. The first step will be the extradition to the United States of drug traffickers Hernan Botero Moreno and Manuel Antonio Garces, who are being sought by American justice. The American Embassy in Colombia has increased their security in the expectation of attacks from enraged drug traffickers as a result of this.

● **A SUDANESE** tribe of 750,000 risks becoming a "forgotten group," according to relief experts, because of the ongoing drought and famine in East Africa. "There are hardly any children under two; they've died," says one medical expert, adding that "though numbers are obviously smaller, individual suffering is as bad as it was in Biafra."