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Pope attacks Nazi-Communism

Pope John Paul II attacked Nazism and Communism as morally equivalent, in an apostolic letter addressed to Catholic and world leaders on Aug. 26.

"Nazi paganism and Marxist dogma are both basically totalitarian ideologies, and tend to become substitute religions," the Pope said. The Nazi Holocaust "will forever remain a shame for humanity."

The Pope reiterated that anti-Semitism was in complete contradiction to the Christian vision of life, and reminded readers that Catholics and others had also suffered from Nazi evil. "One must also remember that this murderous madness was directed against many other groups whose crime was to be 'different' or to have rebelled against the tyranny of the occupiers," he said.

In another letter to Polish bishops, the Pope said the 1939 Hitler-Stalin Pact had been a death sentence for the Baltic countries.

Further, "it is hard to fight the conviction that the postwar period failed to provide the growth and progress which the Polish nation so greatly desired and needed, given the devastation," the Pope said. The era had instead provoked "a great socio-economic crisis," and that Poland must now "make up for the slackening pace—not merely confined to the economy—which is the bitter fruit of the system which has exercised power."

Moscow: Iron hand dictatorship needed

The Soviet weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta* on Aug. 16 called for the use of an iron hand to deal with the crises in the Soviet empire.

The paper printed a discussion with two professors from the Institute of the Economy of the World Socialist System, whose ideas are summed up in the subheads, "The path to democracy is through dictatorship," "A Committee of National Salvation is re-

quired," and "Democracy is needed only for strengthening the power of the leader." Their conclusion is that *perestroika* is fine, but it can only be achieved by Gorbachov becoming a dictator, or by conservative forces that would replace him. "Is an iron hand needed?"

Prof. Andranik Migranyan says, "The entire path of world civilization shows, that the modernization of regimes like ours," which he describes as "totalitarian" politically and primitive in its economy, cannot take place via democratization. Prof. Igor Klyamkin adds that economic transformation "never, nowhere, not for a single people, was carried out parallel with democratization," but required a "more or less prolonged rule of authoritarian regimes." Such reforms caused "centrifugal forces," and "if the regime was not able to cope with them, it was replaced by a new authoritarian regime of the bonapartist type, which attacked the same tasks. But more harshly."

According to Migranyan, the only useful function of the Congress of People's Deputies would be to admit that "the country is in a crisis, the economy is in ruins, the social situation is catastrophic, inter-ethnic relations are at a dead end," and to have "given the president a mandate for special, extraordinary powers. And given him the possibility to form a Committee of National Salvation, stopping, of course, for a time, the activity of all other institutions of power. Here it is easy to accuse me of a leaning to dictatorship. But at the present moment, I am for a dictator, for dictatorship."

Israel probes mercenaries' training of narcos

Stung by charges that ex-Israeli Defense Forces personnel trained hit squads for the Colombian narco-terrorist drug cartels, Israel has opened an investigation into reserve Col. Yair Klein and his security firm, Hod Hahanit, which has been accused of providing unlicensed weapons training.

The investigation is being carried out at the request of the Defense Ministry. Ye-

hoshua Caspi, head of the Israeli police criminal investigations division, will lead the probe. Indicating the nest of vipers Caspi will be dealing with, Colonel Klein said, "It appears Major Caspi will have to investigate many senior officers, including some who are now in the Knesset, on their own involvement. If they are looking for a scapegoat, please, let's find all of the rest."

A spokesman for the Israeli peace movement told *EIR* on Aug. 28 that Colonel Klein, who had worked closely with General Zevi—notorious for his call for the mass transfer of Palestinians from the occupied territories—may have been a figure in U.S. "third party contracting" of Israel for arms and weapons training for the Contras and other forces in Central and South America.

Meanwhile, British Labour Party parliamentarian George Foulkes on Aug. 24 demanded a full inquiry into allegations that British mercenaries have been training the Colombian drug barons' private jungle armies.

Genocidalists being forced upon Cambodia

"The world is trying to impose a formula to foist the authors of genocide upon Cambodia," said former Prime Minister In Tam, in an interview with the *New York Times* published Aug. 27. He was referring to ongoing international negotiations to forge a coalition government for the country, which would include the Khmer Rouge—the party that, under dictator Pol Pot, killed off some 3 million Cambodians during the period 1976-79, with backing from Communist China.

"It's the Cambodian people who bore the consequences of Pol Pot, and the outside world has no authority, and no moral authority, to impose such conditions on the Cambodian people," said In Tam, who describes himself as a non-Communist. "In this I have the same idea as the government" of Prime Minister Hun Sen, the current Vietnamese-backed government.

The *Times* notes that in 1981, as Prince Sihanouk vainly maneuvered to stay out of

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a Chinese-inspired coalition with the Khmer Rouge, he asked In Tam to request help from the Reagan administration. But the Americans supported Beijing, and the plea was rejected.

In Tam, who lives in the United States but returns to Cambodia periodically, said he is concerned that so long as Sihanouk remains in alliance with the Khmer Rouge, Khmer Rouge forces will hide behind the prince to confuse the peasantry. "They use the name of Sihanouk to tell the people that Khmer Rouge troops are really Sihanouk troops," he explained. He said he wanted the American government to be a mediator and "not consider our government here to be the enemy."

Sihanouk resigned Aug. 27 as head of his Cambodian resistance faction, in a move which some diplomats cited by the Reuters news agency suggest may be an attempt to distance himself from the Khmer Rouge. The resignation would seem to imply that he has also resigned as president of the resistance coalition that includes the Khmer Rouge.

Israeli MP condemns Auschwitz demos

Israeli Parliamentarian Yossi Sarid, who returned to Israel from Poland on Aug. 24, condemned those U.S. Jewish fanatics, led by Rabbi Avraham Weiss, who demonstrated against a convent at Auschwitz. The protestors called it a "desecration" for nuns to pray for the Jewish martyrs who died at Hitler's concentration camp.

The demonstrations are "provocative and aimed at making political capital in Israel and the United States," Sarid said.

Sarid's trip was simultaneous with that of Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer, the first Israeli cabinet member to visit Poland in 22 years. Hammer's trip was originally intended to lead to a dramatic upgrading in Israeli-Polish relations, but was overshadowed by the demonstrations. Every significant meeting Hammer had arranged with senior government officials was can-

celed. Hammer's effort to strong-arm Church leaders on the issue of the convent also failed miserably.

Taiwan to revise defense strategy

Lee Huan, the prime minister of the Republic of China on Taiwan, told the country's Defense Ministry on Aug. 15 to revise its defense strategy to cope with possible changes in mainland China's military deployments after the visit of Mikhail Gorbachov to Beijing in May, the *China Post* reported Aug. 24.

Relations between the People's Republic of China and the U.S.S.R. have normalized, Lee said, and could lead to Beijing's readjusting its strategic deployments in northern China. Since the June 4 massacre of students at Tiananmen Square, Lee said, Beijing has been under tremendous pressure and could attempt to divert attention by attacking Taiwan.

Lee instructed the Foreign Ministry to increase interaction with socialist countries through trade and economic activities.

Bulgarian human rights violations worsen

U.S. Ambassador to Bulgaria Saul Polansky has been recalled for consultation, according to an announcement by State Department spokesman Richard Boucher at the daily press briefing Aug. 29.

Boucher cited the "abuse of the Turkish community," which is a serious concern to the U.S. government, and the 310,000 ethnic Turks who have been expelled. As far as he knew, the border between the two countries was still open, and he noted that the problem of human rights violations "continued to get worse."

Refugee support aid to Turkey is now being considered by the United States. The ambassador will return to Bulgaria after consultations.

● **A RUSSIAN ORTHODOX** Church delegation headed by the Metropolitans of Kiev and of Minsk, met the Pope on Aug. 25 and discussed the Ukrainian Uniate Church. On Aug. 24, Yuri Karlov of the Soviet Foreign Ministry delivered to the Pope a personal letter from Gorbachov, who will visit the Vatican in November.

● **INTERNAL WARFARE** has escalated between Afghan rebel groups in northern Afghanistan, and between groups belonging to the Peshawar coalition and the Afghan Interim Government, in southern Afghanistan. The disputes are over drug trafficking.

● **LEBANON'S** Gen. Michel Aoun denounced U.S. backing for Syria in an interview Sept. 1. "If I understand their reasoning," he said, "it would be enough for me to take some 20 Americans as hostages, for the United States to immediately cease the pressures against my friends."

● **THE KUOMINTANG** party on Taiwan nominated 222 candidates for the December elections, in its first primary in the party's 94-year history on Aug. 14. The *China Post* called the reduction a "thinly veiled" move to force the aging, anti-Communist KMT deputies who were elected on the mainland in 1949, to retire.

● **THE VATICAN** and Poland resumed diplomatic relations with the naming of ambassadors on Aug. 26. The Vatican also announced that the Pope will visit South Korea, Indonesia, and Mauritius Oct. 6-16.

● **SYRIA** and the Soviet Union share almost identical views on how to bring peace to Lebanon, declared Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq al-Shara in Amman, Jordan Aug. 27.