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Bosnian premier says peace talks are doomed

Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic said on Nov. 3 that the peace negotiations being conducted by Lord David Owen (European Community) and Thorvald Stoltenberg (U.N.) are doomed. "The peace process will continue," he said, "but it will not break any new ground as long as it is handled by the same old people. We are willing to re-enter peace talks with some substance. We're not willing to repeat London and Geneva."

Silajdzic charged, according to Reuters, that the mediators were avoiding dealing with the Bosnian government, because they are bent on carving up Bosnia according to the Serbian-Croatian prescription for ending the war. Neither Owen nor Stoltenberg had contacted the Bosnian government for at least a month, he said. Such "uninspired and amateurish" negotiating would bring "only bloody results for Bosnia," he said. "They are spending two to three months to prepare for this new conference. Then they will take us out of the political refrigerator to sign it. Do you think it will happen?"

Summing up the situation in his country now, he said: "Bosnia is a slaughterhouse, in a stone age situation . . . where I fear many people will die of hunger and exposure this winter." As for the western powers, "the message now is that aggression and land grabs are okay as long as you have enough tanks, arms, as long as the territory you want has no oil."

Turkey asks Germany to outlaw Kurdish group

The Turkish ambassador to Bonn, Onur Oyman, on Nov. 5 urged the German government to outlaw the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) and associated groups in Germany. The request was made on Nov. 5, following a wave of terrorist attacks on Nov. 4 by Kurdish militants across Europe.

The ambassador added that there were close links between terrorism and the illegal drug trade, which Germany is anxious to curb. "Our information indicates they col-

lect a lot of money, millions of marks, from the drug trade in Germany," he said.

German police believe the PKK was behind simultaneous assaults on Turkish consulates, travel agencies, and airline offices in at least 28 German cities as well as in London, Copenhagen, Vienna, Strasbourg, and in Switzerland. One person was killed and 20 injured in the attacks on German cities. Arson attacks occurred also against three Turkish bank offices, the office of the Turkish Airlines in Frankfurt, and against the editorial offices of the Turkish daily *Hurriyet* in Neu-Isenburg near Frankfurt.

The PKK claimed responsibility for most of attacks, saying they were aimed against the threat by Turkish President Suleyman Demirel that the PKK would be eliminated inside Turkey by armed force, and through new anti-terror measures in Europe, by the spring of 1994.

ADL brings 'World of Difference' to Germany

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is bringing its racist "World of Difference" (WOD) school curriculum to the German cities of Bremen, Rostock, and Berlin. In October, New York ADL official Robert Goldman and World of Difference trainers ran conferences for teachers in the three cities. They also plan to found a tax-exempt organization.

The program is being sold as a way to overcome prejudice of the kind that has resulted in violent attacks against foreigners by skinheads and neo-Nazis in Germany. But, as *EIR* documented in an article on Sept. 24 (p. 58), the program actually inculcates racism by emphasizing racial and other differences between people, rather than what they have in common as human beings.

A Bremen official described the ADL program as "based on emotional aspects and not cognitive faculties, with role playing designed to get the teachers to recognize their own prejudices first, then, to respect cultural differences." As in the United States, the ADL will use the program to infiltrate police departments in Germany with "psychologi-

cal schooling" of police.

Robert Goldman met several Bonn cabinet officials and parliamentarians to discuss the program. The German Foreign Ministry has been paying the fees and travel costs of the ADL officials, with additional funds coming from the foundations of the three largest political parties. Apart from this, however, the Bonn government has not yet committed funds to the program.

Haiti's Cédras: 'We are not store owners'

In a speech to the graduating class of his country's military academy on Nov. 3, Gen. Raoul Cédras praised the Haitian Army and attacked international hostility against the Armed Forces. "We want to offer young Haitians an example of courage and nationalism," he said.

Warning that "today's collaborators are of a new breed, more subtle but with no democratic vision," Cédras said that the military has no intention of taking power. "We believe that power has to be civilian . . . but the Army refuses to be in servitude." He also warned that graduates should be prepared to face the "unbridled ambition of collaborators."

As for Haiti's enemies, the general bitingly said, "They think of the people as little store owners who will sell the country. We are not little store owners."

Reuters described Cédras as "coolly ignoring questions from a swarm of international reporters" and making a speech "filled with nationalist rhetoric." He "gave no sign whatsoever that he was ready to step down," said the British wire service with evident dismay.

Doubts aired over murder of Mexican cardinal

The Mexican daily *La Jornada* on Nov. 2 reported that the Italian magazine *30 Giorni*, linked to circles in the Vatican and to Christian Democratic politician Giulio Andreotti, has rejected the official Mexican government version of the May 24 assassination of

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● **EHUD OLMERT** of the Israeli Likud Party has been elected the new mayor of Jerusalem, replacing Teddy Kollek, who was mayor for 28 years. Olmert said that Jerusalem will be "a Jewish city," not "a province of a Palestinian state."

● **THE BRAZILIAN** journal *Ombro a Ombro*, organ of the retired military, called in its October issue for the "immediate release" of Argentine Col. Mohamed Alí Seineldín, as the first step toward "restoring the dignity of the Armed Forces of our brother country." Seineldín, a nationalist leader, is currently a political prisoner.

● **MALAYSIAN** Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed told the convention of his country's ruling party on Nov. 4 that "there are indications that the West now regards Islam as a threat to them. . . . There is a possibility that we will become the direct target of western attacks and, based on the weak position now, we can be totally destroyed by such attacks." He added that he was not anti-West, but that it was more a case of "the West being against us."

● **INDIAN** security forces have captured the main Sikh separatist leader in the state of Punjab. Sohan Singh, who is believed to be one of the masterminds of the British-sponsored Sikh militant campaign for an independent homeland they call Khalistan, was captured on Nov. 3. "The backbone of the separatist Khalistan movement has been completely broken," Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh told a news conference.

● **ARGENTINA'S** Anglophile foreign minister, Guido Di Tella, said in London that the South Atlantic should be policed by the United Nations. If Britain and Argentina come to an agreement on the status of the Malvinas Islands, he said, the United States should serve as guarantor. This "necessarily implies the establishment of a multilateral security scheme for the area," he said.

Mexican Cardinal Juan Jesús Posadas Ocampo. The government claims that Posadas, the archbishop of Guadalajara, was killed by drug lords on May 24, in a case of mistaken identity; but considerable evidence exists that the murder was a deliberate project of the Freemasons.

The Italian magazine points to a possible conspiracy between freemasonic "dinosaurs" within Mexico's ruling Revolutionary Institutional Party (PRI) and the government, and "anti-traditional" elements of the Mexican Catholic Church, such as pro-masonic Cuernavaca Bishop Sergio Méndez Arceo.

Suggesting that in 1978 Pope John Paul I was murdered just as surely as Cardinal Posadas was, *30 Giorni* reveals that the murdered Mexican cleric could have been "the first Latin American pope."

Gorbachov tells U.S. to reject shock therapy

Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachov, speaking to the Fortune 500 Forum in Richmond, Virginia on Nov. 4, repudiated the "shock therapy" economic doctrine, and gave his views of the current Russian political crisis.

"If we don't overcome this crisis," he said, "the pillars of modern civilization could be undermined." According to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Gorbachov gave an hour-long address to "some of America's top capitalists" and said that "shock therapy has failed" and that a "new world order," neither capitalist nor communist, must be built. That new world order, he stressed, must not be at the cost of "a global environmental crisis."

Gorbachov said he "no longer can regard the government as democratic" because Boris Yeltsin, whose name he never used, had dissolved the Parliament. Asked if he would be running for President, he replied, "I don't foresee a presidential election. Therefore, the question is moot."

As to which candidate he will vote for when elections are held, he said, "I will not vote for those who chose the road of shock therapy, the road that led the country into

this dead end."

Gorbachov urged the businessmen, "who by then were becoming fidgety," according to the *Times-Dispatch*, to invest in Russia, which he said is a "less risky proposition than in many other countries." However, he warned against just grabbing Russia's raw materials: "Russia will never accept a role of a kind of junior partner. The world would get not a partner, not a friendly country, but a heavily armed hostile regime."

Malaysia resolves succession crisis

Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysia's 46-year-old finance minister, was declared deputy president of the ruling United Malays National Organization (UMNO) on Nov. 4. This settles the issue of who will succeed Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. Mahathir has given no indication so far that he plans to retire.

Like Mahathir, Anwar is somewhat of a maverick. He was jailed for 20 months in 1974 for leading anti-government demonstrations. The founding leader of the Malaysian Muslim Youth Movement, Anwar already had a national following when Mahathir invited him to join UMNO in 1982. Anwar is the son of a hospital orderly who later became a member of parliament. After graduating from the University of Malaya in 1971, he set up a private educational institution for poor Malay students.

An attack on Anwar was recently published in the Indonesian press by Malaysian journalist M.G.G. Pillai, who writes for western media and sometimes the Thai press. The writer described Anwar as formerly a mediocre student who entered the University of Malaya with the lowest possible grades. It also called him a fascist, who had converted the ruling UMNO party, UMNO Youth, and the Malaysian Muslim Youth Movement into his stormtroopers. Pillai claimed that there are close ties between Anwar and a Sudanese fundamentalist Islamist by the name of Dr. Tourabi. The Malaysian Information Ministry has protested the Pillai article.