

## Prince Philip targets Europe for the 'Africa treatment'

by Our Special Correspondent

On Sept. 19, Prince Philip's World Wide Fund for Nature, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, and other environmental and conservation groups, held a press conference in Brussels to formally launch a new project called "Parks for Life: Action for Protected Areas in Europe." A WWF-IUCN joint press release described this as "the first ever blueprint for conservation of protected areas throughout Europe." The blueprint is being supported by the governments of Denmark, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, and Great Britain, as well as by the Environment Secretariat of the European Commission in Brussels.

Preliminary investigations indicate that the WWF et al. are seeking to implement in Europe a policy identical, in general outline, to the policy implemented in Africa, where the British treat Africans like wildlife and have built a network of protected "game parks" that are used as covers for political destabilization and military operations, as in Rwanda (see *EIR*, Aug. 19, "British Intelligence Set Up Obliteration of Rwanda"). The ultimate policy aim there, is to ensure the perpetual deindustrialization and backwardness of Africa, and the genocidal elimination of Africa's nonwhite populations.

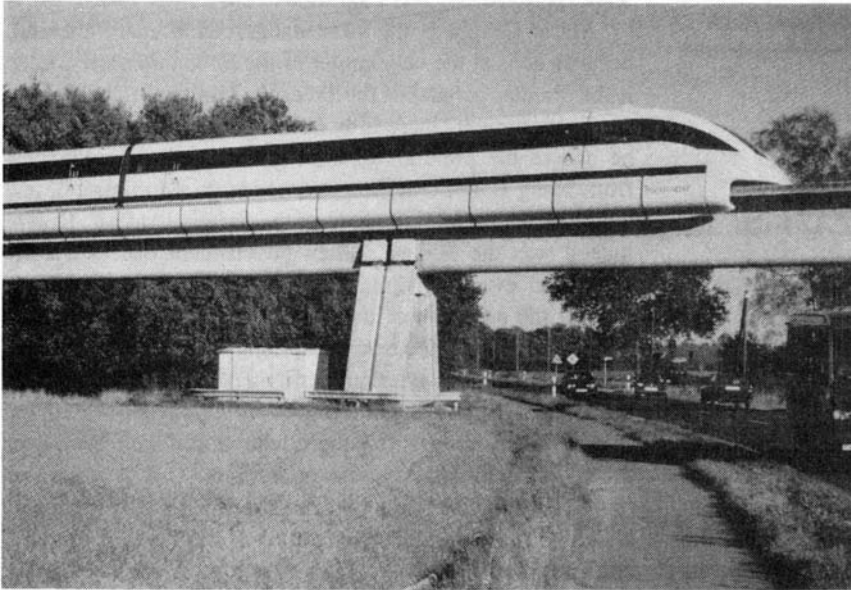
*EIR* will soon be releasing a special dossier on this British strategy worldwide.

Because Europe is obviously much more economically developed than Africa, the *exact same* policy cannot be adopted, but the thrust is similar. By establishing "protected areas" and "wildlife conservation" across Europe, the WWF et al. hope to stop implementation of East-West rail and infrastructure projects, such as the Vienna-Paris-Berlin "Productive Triangle" program proposed by American economist Lyndon LaRouche, or the "White Book" program for infrastructure promoted by European Commission President

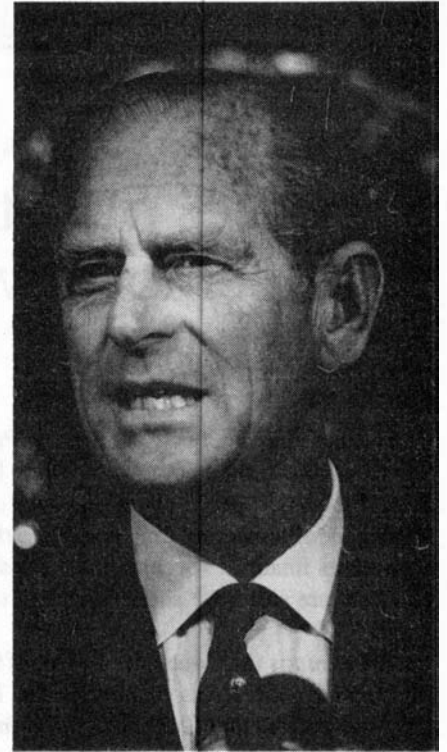
Jacques Delors. Britain also hopes to progressively eliminate industrial and agricultural activity in large parts of Europe, so that it could ultimately rule over a destroyed and re-feudalized European continent.

A senior WWF official in Europe admitted the Europe-Africa parallels in a Sept. 21 discussion. "Until recently," he said, "we tended to look at conservation policy *nationally* in Europe and elsewhere. There have been steps taken in the Third World, in Africa, Asia, Latin America, that have had their own specific perspectives. But now, we are becoming more and more *international*. More and more WWF people from the Third World are working in Europe. We are now very international. We are looking back to Europe now, to implement and recreate in Europe what was done in Africa or other parts of the Third World. We want to look with the same kind of viewpoint toward Europe, as we have toward other parts of the world. We want to take a more balanced view, on land-use, on the rainforest, and so on. Four years ago, the campaigns around the Brazilian rainforests began. Now we are working on the temperate forest regions in Europe as well." He said that the conceptual underpinning of all this, was to move away from the "outmoded nation-state" idea, to a new notion of the world seen as organized according to various "bio-regions."

The WWF is working to create a "trans-European network of protected areas" as soon as possible. The proposal for this will be submitted to the so-called "Christophersen group" in the European Commission. Headed by EU Commissioner for the Economy Henning Christophersen, the group has been mandated to establish transport and energy networks in Europe, and to implement the transport and infrastructure projects in the Delors "White Book." According to the WWF-IUCN press release, the Christophersen group was



*Britain's Prince Philip, international president of the World Wide Fund for Nature. The WWF and its friends at British intelligence have made whole chunks of Africa into "game parks," which they use for political and military operations. Now, they have a similar strategy for Europe, and they plan to block such vital infrastructure projects as the Hamburg-Berlin maglev railway project. Shown here is the Transrapid maglev train, the state-of-the-art train technology.*



asked by the European Council, at its meeting in Corfu, Greece in June, to also "examine the question of relevant networks in the field of environment."

The WWF source said that, to the extent the WWF-IUCN get their policy through, all planned railway projects will have to be subjected to a review, about whether they "go through protected areas." From this standpoint, he noted, WWF-Germany is opposing the Hamburg-Berlin maglev railway project, since current plans have it going through a "protected area" in Brandenburg.

### **'Written by the British Foreign Office'**

The WWF's international president is Prince Philip, royal consort to Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain. A WWF source reported that he is "very much personally involved" in advocating and helping implement the "protected areas" policy for Europe. "He's the most active international president the WWF has ever had. He's much more active than most people believe. He spends one-sixth of his active working time on WWF projects."

The British authorship is otherwise all over "Parks for Life." In the book *Green Warriors*, a history of the environmental movement, author Fred Pearce reports that IUCN co-founder Max Nicholson, the grand old man of the British and international "environmentalist-conservationist" movement, confessed publicly some years back that the constitution of the IUCN had been "written by the British Foreign Office," at his behest. The IUCN was officially launched in 1948.

### **Farming is a 'major threat'**

At the Brussels press conference, IUCN Director General David McDowell stated: "Europe has between 10,000 and 20,000 protected nature areas, about 10% of which are national parks. But many of them are managed so inadequately and regulations are enforced so feebly that protection only really exists on paper." Carlos Martin-Novella, head of Birdlife International, stated: "To conserve Europe's wildlife effectively, we need to protect four times the area that is currently under protection." Birdlife International is one of the leading non-governmental organizations behind the plan.

The IUCN-WWF press release warns that "wildlife is seriously threatened in Europe as a result of severe exploitation. Farming, forestry, road building, and industrial and domestic pollution are all major threats." To "combat" such "major threats" as farming, the "Parks for Life" report recommends "creating a comprehensive network of protected areas to conserve representative samples of all Europe's ecosystems," as well as "introducing and enforcing new protected area legislation."

Sources report that the WWF is buying up land all over Europe, in order to "set it aside" from production, and to restore its "lost natural space." The main pilot projects for such buy-ups are in the Netherlands. Germany and Denmark are close behind, and Belgium is also being increasingly targeted. Much of this activity is being funded by the super-rich "1001 Club," the exclusive group of multi-millionaires who bankroll the WWF's vast international activities.