

Andean Report by Gretchen Small

BBC's 'Revive Shining Path' project

Arrests of Shining Path and Japanese Red Army guerrillas in Peru prove EIR right once again on narco-terrorism.

Shining Path, the terrorists who ravaged Peru for 12 years, are coming back into vogue. Leading the way, was the mid-May announcement by Hollywood's John Malkovich, that he plans to produce a multimillion-dollar movie on Shining Path and the 1992 capture of its chief, Abimael Guzmán. The script for the film is to be based on a novel, *The Dancer Upstairs*, written by a British writer and sometime British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) correspondent, Nicholas Shakespeare.

National law enforcement agencies around the globe had better pay attention to this one. A feature story on Shakespeare, appearing in Peru's *Caretas* magazine of May 30, confirms, with new, devastating detail, EIR's contention that British sponsorship of international terrorism most definitely still extends to the Shining Path.

Immediately following *Caretas*'s story, the news broke, that on May 25, Peruvian police had arrested a top Japanese Red Army terrorist, Kazuo Yoshimura, wanted for her role in the JRA's attack on the French Embassy in The Hague in 1974. Yoshimura, based in Lima, was working on rebuilding Shining Path.

As EIR said in its three-part series on London's "New Terror International," published Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Nov. 17, 1995, there is *nothing* "national" about any of the terrorist groups today afflicting the world. First, the BBC story:

Shakespeare is the son of a former British ambassador to Peru. He lived in Lima when his father was ambassador (1984-89), preparing various films for BBC on such topics as the Peruvian

natives' "indigenous" celebrations.

In 1989, when Guzmán's life and whereabouts were still said to be unknown, Shakespeare published a novel, *The Vision of Elena Silves*, in which the "fictitious" leader of Shining Path is envisioned to be living in Lima, suffering from psoriasis, smoking imported cigarettes, and listening to Frank Sinatra records.

How did Shakespeare know such accurate details? "I guessed it" from reading about another "egoist," Lenin, he told *Caretas*.

Hardly a credible story. Shakespeare bragged to *Caretas* that he was a friend of another BBC correspondent, surname Simpson, who, through months of "patient work," had arranged an interview with Guzmán in 1992. Shakespeare worked with Simpson on the interview, providing a list of proposed questions for Guzmán.

There is no question that the BBC interview with the fugitive killer was coordinated with the British government. Simpson dined at the British Embassy on Sept. 12, 1992, the night before the interview was scheduled. It never occurred, only because Peruvian military and police captured Guzmán on that very day.

BBC was more than disappointed. On Sept. 18, 1992, after Guzmán's capture, BBC ran a special on Peru, interviewing Peru's top liberation theology ideologue, Gustavo Gutiérrez; Peter Archard of Amnesty International; and Britain's Shining Path "expert," Simon Strong. Their message: Peru's problems didn't begin with Shining Path, and Guzmán's capture would not end them.

Deprived of his scoop, the would-

be interviewer, John Simpson (BBC's foreign affairs editor), prepared a "devastating televised report on Peru," broadcast by BBC in December 1992, which attacked, not Guzmán and Shining Path, but those who were in the process of crushing those terrorists, Peru's Armed Forces. Lord Avebury, head of the Human Rights Commission of the British Parliament, promptly called hearings into the Peruvian military's "human rights violations" and "witch-hunts" against Shining Path networks abroad. His star witness at the hearings: Simpson.

Now, consider the Japanese Red Army story. JRA leader Yoshimura was deported to Japan on June 5, to face charges, including those stemming from the 1974 attack. She was picked up, reportedly on a tip provided by Interpol, based on interrogations of another JRA member, Yokiko Ekita, arrested in Bucharest in March 1995, who had a false Peruvian passport.

Yoshimura had been meeting with the leadership of the still-active "Red Path" faction, in the Upper Huallaga Valley, providing money and advice on the reconstruction of the Shining Path apparatus. Japanese police are said to have letters sent each year to Shining Path, for example, from JRA member Fusako Shigenobu, who operates out of Lebanon. Her husband, Junzo Okudaira, visited Yoshimura frequently in Lima.

Some 14 JRA members are thought to operate in South America, in Brazil, Paraguay, Ecuador, and Peru. The JRA is believed to operate out of the tri-national area near the Iguazú Falls (Paraguay, Brazil, and Argentina), and, according to *Caretas* of June 6, it has been said that the JRA may have been involved in the bloody 1994 bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association (AMIA) headquarters in Buenos Aires, widely blamed on the Hezbollah.