

International Intelligence

LaRouche 'NATO' paper covered by Polish monthly

In its August issue, the independent Polish monthly magazine *Militaria*, read primarily by military professionals, published excerpts of Lyndon LaRouche's paper, "Now, Rid NATO of the Entente Cordiale," in *EIR*'s June 28, 1996 issue, centering on LaRouche's explanation that NATO should be dissolved because it is functioning as an arm of the revived Anglo-French Entente Cordiale policy to destroy independent nation-states. The excerpts also include his discussion of Franklin Roosevelt's policy to bring down colonialism, and the necessity to form a U.S.-Russian-Chinese alliance in order to build the Eurasian land-bridge which will decide the future of the world. The full text will be mailed to selected government and Army officials.

Polish friends of *EIR* who run the magazine, finally seem to have understood and accepted LaRouche's analysis of "the British problem," that is British geopolitics. The same issue includes an article on the assassination of Polish General Sikorski, who died in a plane crash in 1943. *Militaria* wrote that the culprits should be looked for among Poland's wartime allies, that is, in Britain, and point out that all the British documents on the investigation into Sikorski's death were classified as secret for 50 years. As the release date approached, then-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher looked at them, and then she extended the secret classification for another 50 years! Sikorski's murder was blamed on the Soviet KGB for a long time, both in Poland and by Western sources.

German journalist blasts shenanigans over NATO

The Anglo-French machinations in the context of the restructuring of NATO are undermining its ability to function and embarrassing Germany, wrote Karl Feldmeyer, the military correspondent for the daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, in the Aug. 5 issue. The French, he observed, have thrown

up one conditionality after another, in the process of its military reintegration with NATO. France has a strategy of developing its own strength inside NATO, at the expense of the American position.

The French actions have to be seen in light of Britain's efforts to dominate NATO's essential functions under the guise of building up a special, new "Western Command" that would be run under Anglo-French auspices, and would exclude Germany. The new command would have the final say on rapid reaction forces deployments, which would be conducted under British command. The difficult job of integrating eastern Europe into NATO, would be relegated to Germany, whose position inside the alliance would be downgraded. "The new friendship between Great Britain and France works to the embarrassment of Germany," Feldmeyer wrote. His article reflects the depth of the discussion among German military circles, about the future of NATO under these conditions.

Bishops call to free jailed Mexican unionist

The Catholic bishops of Tamaulipas, headed by Cardinal Ernesto Corripio Ahumada, called upon the Mexican government to release Joaquín Hernández Galicia, the former head of the Mexican Oil Workers Union. The union leader and fierce patriot, nationally known by his nickname "La Quina," was framed up and put in prison on President Carlos Salinas's orders, on Jan. 10, 1989. He has reportedly been in poor health for months, which Bishop Ramos Chavolla of Matamoros described as "critical." Cardinal Corripio reported that he had sent a letter to Mrs. Hernández, expressing his concern for La Quina's civil rights and that he receive medical care. Bishop Chavolla told the press that although he was the signer on the letter requesting La Quina's release, "it is supported by all the people of Ciudad Madero." Three other bishops have also spoken out for his freedom.

La Quina's name has been back in the news since the explosion of the Pemex gas

plant in Chiapas in July. As the 32 local oil workers union leaders stated in their national advertisement denouncing the budget-cutters as being responsible for the explosion, La Quina had taken the lead seven years ago, in warning that such disasters were inevitable, if the looting of Mexico's national oil company were allowed to continue.

U.S. drops opposition to Iraqi oil sales for food

The U.S. withdrew its opposition on Aug. 7 to Iraq selling its oil in order to buy food and medicine. According to a United Nations resolution, Iraq can sell \$2 billion worth of oil and use the proceeds for humanitarian purposes. U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright announced that Washington had dropped objections that had delayed the UN Security Council sanctions committee's approval of a scheme to distribute food and medicine. The whole process will be controlled by UN and other supranational officials. Albright stressed that U.S. approval did not in any way abrogate the existing sanctions regime, under which over a half-million Iraqis have already died for lack of adequate medical care alone.

Under the resolution, Iraq would have to spend \$1.1 billion on food and medicine, \$600 million on Gulf war reparations, \$260-300 million on relief for the Kurdish minority, and \$40-100 million on supporting the UN operations that continue to ride roughshod over the sovereignty of Iraq, and devastate the well-being of its people. UN inspectors will monitor how money is spent.

Russian broadcast covers Transcaucus drug routes

The Russian television program "Man and Law" on Aug. 5 focused on the drug smuggling throughout the republics of the former Soviet Union, in particular in Tajikistan and Chechnya. The show reported, "The drug-smuggling groups established their first transport channels through their newly established links with field commanders in the

Briefly

JACQUES CHEMINADE'S bank accounts were seized on Aug. 2 by the French state, in a ludicrous attempt to collect the million francs France claims the former Presidential candidate owes for his campaign. This comes on the heels of a bailiff's setting an auction date for Cheminade's personal belongings on July 26, while Cheminade was out of town. The Anglo-French "Entente Bestiale" is intent on knocking LaRouche associate Cheminade out of politics.

INDONESIAN Home Affairs Minister Mochtar Yogie said on Aug. 7, that from now on, his office will require all nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to register with the government or be banned.

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR for human rights, Gaspar Biro, ending a week-long visit to Sudan, was quoted by *Al-Sudan Al-Hadith* of Aug. 7, as saying there was "no existence of practices of slavery in Sudan," and adding that "there is a special committee for this issue that is coordinating with the Sudanese government and other concerned quarters to find out the truth about the allegations of the world community concerning this issue."

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland was the site of the latest troubles early on Aug. 11 when demonstrators hurled gasoline bombs at police in two areas of the city. The attacks came after a tense day in Northern Ireland's second largest city where violence had been feared during the Aug. 10 march through Catholic neighborhoods by the Apprentice Boys, a fervently pro-British Protestant organization. Leaders of Sinn Fein strove to keep Catholic tempers calm over the provocation.

THE BASQUE terrorist group ETA used a multiple grenade launcher to attack an oil installation, storing about 9 million gallons of oil, near Pamplona airport on Aug. 8. According to Spain's *ABC*, this is part of the new ETA strategy, begun in July, of hitting "economic interests."

north of Afghanistan in the 1980s along the lines of the KGB." The show went on to depict the drug-smuggling capabilities of the partisans of Chechnya's late leader, Gen. Jokhar Dudayev, but added that because of the war, the main base is actually Tajikistan. It said that heroin passes through Tajikistan via the Pyandzh corridor.

The program cites Anton Surikov, a defense research institute worker, as one of its sources, and says that he bases "his information on an unidentified U.S. journal published in Germany. . . the main transit routes for drugs, primarily from Afghanistan to the West, are Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, the Chechen Republic, and the Baltic republics, particularly Estonia." There is no doubt that the "unidentified U.S. journal" refers to *EIR*, whose July 26, 1996 *Special Report*, "Britain's 'Dope, Inc.' Grows to \$521 Billion," includes a section on the Central Asia drug routes.

Embassy report strains U.S.-Myanmar relations

In a highly unusual move, the U.S. Embassy in Yangon (Rangoon) released a report on Aug. 3-4, attacking the ruling military council, SLORC, just as the highest embassy official, Chargé D'affaires Marilyn Myers, announced her early departure. According to the Aug. 5 *Asia Times*, Myers had a "lack of rapport" with the Myanmar (Burma) government, and would be replaced by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Southeast Asia Kent Wiedeman. The report sounds exactly like the attacks on the Ibero-American military that were so popular in the Bush administration, charging that the economy is far worse than official Myanmar reports, and that military overspending is to blame.

Myanmar Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig. Gen. David O. Abel denounced the report as "a political document, not an economic report, and the intention was malicious." He said military spending was about 10%, not the 41.3% claimed by the report, and that economic growth is at 8.2%, not the 4.6% claimed by the report. Abel also said that the

report "admits right in the first paragraph that their figures are all unofficial embassy estimates, not U.S. government statistics."

It is not yet determined whether this report was approved by Washington, nor whether the President was informed. Clinton has in recent months, carefully avoided the British-inspired efforts at home and abroad to destroy U.S. relations with China, Myanmar's closest ally, insisting instead on "constructive engagement" with China and supporting ASEAN's similar policy toward Myanmar.

French Interior Ministry rounds up immigrants

According to the Aug. 6 issue of *Libération*, French police are chartering planes to deport illegal immigrants *en masse*. The Paris daily leaked a telegram from the commander of the Val de Marne police, to area police stations, saying that the Interior Ministry had chartered "expulsion special" plane flights for illegal immigrants, this time bound for Tunisia and Mali, and that the police are to round up Tunisians and Malians to fill the flight.

The Interior Ministry has always denied any such practice, especially since the country's highest court, the Cour de Cassation, ruled that there must be a probable cause for police to check an individual's identity papers, "having nothing to do with the person himself which leads the police to believe he is a foreigner." In other words, the police are not allowed to check someone's papers just because he sports a "permanent suntan."

"These charters are not things which can be rustled up from one day to the next," commented Robert Broussard, head of the new police force charged with hunting down "illegals." "Of course, once we've booked one, we phone all the jails to find out whether they've got people from such and such a country. Then we call up the prefects to find out whether they've got people from the country in question who are here illegally, and then we've got it: The flight is filled."