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Carl Bildt hopes for new Bosnia conflict

The international community's high representative in Bosnia, Carl Bildt, finally left his position after 18 months as that country's supranational ruler. During his mandate, the "civilian side" of Dayton—the announced economic reconstruction—was not even begun. Rather, the Swedish Bildt shot off his mouth a lot, especially in making provocative remarks against Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic.

Upon leaving, Bildt, after a series of embarrassing denials about the failure of his reconstruction mandate, stated that he expected a resurgence of the military conflict, because of the U.S. \$400 million "equip and train" defense program for the Croatian-Muslim Bosnian Federation Army.

On June 7, the London *Times* reported on Bildt's pontifications: "That [equip and train] approach was flawed, he said, as it encouraged both the Federation and Republika Srpska to think of returning to war once the NATO mandate was over. . . . The lesson of the four-year Bosnian war was that Europe and America had to act in tandem. The Europeans' perception was that while 'they were taking losses they were subject to moral sermons from Washington. They are not going to relive that experience,' he declared."

'Ouest-France' breaks blackout of Cheminade

The French media policy of blacking out or ostracizing Jacques Cheminade, a longtime associate of Lyndon LaRouche, who beat all the odds to run for French President in 1995, was broken by the regional daily *Ouest-France* on June 11. Although a regional paper, *Ouest-France* has a larger circulation than any of the national dailies. Author Alain Besson questions precisely why it is that Cheminade has been made a political outcast by the media, under the headline, "Cheminade, Cursed Poet of Politics": Does Cheminade, a student of Leibniz, French Socialist

founder Jean Jaurès, and the social encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII, "deserve the excess of indignity which has placed him, these last years, either on the extreme right, or among the cults. . . ." Once labeled by the media, he says, Cheminade seems "like an ancient hero, stuck with a life of ostracism. . . . In our media-centered world, the auto-da-fé starts with the television news."

Cheminade's Solidarity and Progress party, "called on citizens to vote for either Communists, or the Citizen Movement or Socialist candidates. . . . This is not, unless it were a subtle cover-up, what characterizes an extreme-right movement." Cheminade's organizing for a new international monetary system, the Eurasian Land-Bridge, and against Maastricht, reflects "original thinking, complex, maybe a little bit disconcerting for people who like simple ideas," writes Besson, concluding: "To his 'Leibnizism,' to his 'Jaurèsism,' we can add a zest of socialism and Gaullism.

"We burned witches for less than that!"

RIIA imparts imperial vision to Tony Blair

The Royal Institute for International Affairs (RIIA) at Chatham House, devotes the editorial of the latest issue of its quarterly the *Round Table*, to a call for 1997 to be "the U.K.'s year of the Commonwealth." The British Commonwealth is the new alias for the British Empire. The editorial was written as policy-input in anticipation of the October Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Edinburgh.

Chatham House professes itself "extremely interested to see in the coming months if Tony Blair develops his proposal for a Harare-style declaration on economic matters to complement the 1991 document on basically political matters—and to see what practical effect can be given to the admirable Adam Smithian document jointly presented by the FCO [Foreign and Commonwealth Office] and the DTI [Department of Trade and Industry], 'Free Trade and Foreign Policy: a Global Vision: Opening World Markets,' published in November

1996 for the first plenary meeting of the World Trade Organization.

In 1991, Queen Elizabeth, who is head of state of all the major Commonwealth countries, issued the "Harare Declaration," proclaiming "good governance" and "international cooperation" as the Commonwealth's primary goals, and that any governments not meeting those standards should be overthrown. In honor of the occasion, the host President, Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe, bulldozed acres of shantytowns around Harare.

'New Africa' dictators consolidate outrages

Without so much as washing the fresh blood from their hands, the Congo Laurent "Hitler" Kabila is joining with the dictators of Rwanda and Uganda to study setting up a joint tourism and wildlife authority, announced Uganda's second deputy premier and minister of Tourism, Wildlife, and Antiquities, Brig. Moses Ali, according to the Kampala daily *The Monitor* of June 6. Ali denounced the U.S. ambassador for saying that tourists were too fearful of Uganda's insecurity, boasting, "Uganda is the most secure African state after Tanzania and Kenya."

In Rwanda, the capital, Kigali, has now been turned into a drug depot, according to a June 6 report from International Press Service. Since the takeover by the Rwandan Patriotic Front, the "streets . . . are rapidly becoming the center of a growing trade in marijuana, heroin, and cocaine." As *EIR* documented, the RPF used the British-established wildlife preserves on the Ugandan-Rwandan border as the staging ground for their 1994 coup. The Tutsi military that rules neighboring Burundi also has long-standing ties to the international drug trade, Burundian sources have told *EIR*.

On the modus operandi of the Congo's butcher, Laurent Kabila, a Bosnian government official compared him to Bosnian Serb chieftain Radovan Karadzic, who pioneered the method of getting the local population to join in the "ethnic cleansing." Similarly, Serbian war criminal Ratko Mladic, after

seizing Srebrenica, disarmed Muslim refugees, and then murdered them en masse. Even the details of using UN aid workers to entice refugees out of hiding was the same, he said.

WWF grabs former Soviet land as 'protected areas'

The World Wide Fund for Nature, the private, supranational hit squad of Prince Philip, launched a "Living Planet Campaign," to run for the "1,000-day countdown to the dawning of our next millennium . . . to encourage . . . as many commitments from as many governments, businesses and communities as possible, to protect, preserve, revive and sustain, through the third millennium, the natural heritage that has suffered such destruction in the last century." The statement appeared as a commentary by WWF-International director Claude Martin in the May 27 issue of the *International Herald Tribune*.

Martin gloats over the WWF's success already in the former Soviet Union: "Some governments, too, have recognized the need for dramatic action to protect the environment, especially its most valuable and threatened eco-systems. The Living Planet Campaign began with an undertaking from Yakutia, a republic within the Russian federation, to create one of the largest protected areas in the world—70 million hectares (24% of its wildland), an area roughly twice the size of Germany. The Republic of Georgia pledged to place more than 20% of its territory under official protection. Georgia was joined by Mongolia, whose government pledged protection for 49 million hectares (30% of its land area) by 2000."

British media spit out new lies about ASEAN

Spin-doctors among the British press and their stable of "expert sources," are putting out the line that the Association of Southeast Asian Nation's long-standing policy of "constructive engagement" toward its

poorer neighbors, especially Myanmar, is really to counter China's "possible hegemonic ambitions," and is a rebuff to Washington for pressing ASEAN on human rights and similar "democratic" issues. The London *Financial Times* and Reuters also push the line that ASEAN should find an excuse (the *Times* suggests "political chaos in Cambodia") to delay the July entry-date for Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar, as member-states, lest the association be fractured by dissent from founding members, such as Thailand and the Philippines, that are closer to the "democratic" West, while Indonesia backs Myanmar, which Reuters dubs "an international pariah."

The new British government of Tony Blair further decided to set an example, announcing on June 3 that Myanmar will not be invited to next year's Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM), which will discuss enlarging the group to include Commonwealth colonies Australia, New Zealand, India, and Pakistan.

France to hold off NATO reintegration

Alain Richard, France's new defense minister, met with U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen at the June 12 NATO meeting in Brussels, to prepare for the Madrid summit next month. In keeping with President Jacques Chirac's previous stance, Richard told Cohen that both Chirac and the new Socialist government are determined to obtain a "better equilibrium" between the United States and Europe in the NATO command structures, before France would re-join. This means that the United States would have to agree to relinquish NATO's southern command to a European, which Washington has stated it is not prepared to do.

"Progress has been made but there is not a position which makes it possible to conclude. Madrid is not, however, necessarily the moment for a final good-bye. Discussion can continue," said Richard. En route to Brussels, Cohen was categorical about NATO's southern command: "The discussion is closed. There is a commander in Naples and he is an American."

TWO UGANDAN opponents of dictator and "human rights" darling Yoweri Museveni were murdered on June 3. Democratic Party Women's National Leader Kabaranga Modesta died after "unknown assailants" stabbed her, poured paraffin on her and set her ablaze. Her mother was also killed. Samson Kasajja, a member of the Ugandan Peoples Congress, who was going to run for local office from Tororo, was also gunned down by unknown assailants at his farm in Kabwagasi.

THE PHILIPPINES Supreme Court on June 10 upheld its March decision to reject a petition drive that would constitutionally allow President Fidel Ramos to succeed himself. Upholding the six-year term limit opens up greater possibility for economic policy debate of alternatives to Ramos's pro-free-trade stance.

PRO-DRUG LEGALIZER Brian Hamley, chairman of the Soros-backed Australian Drug Foundation, was given the Order of Australia, on June 9. "For service to the community, particularly through charitable organizations and the Uniting Church, and to the finance sector."

CHRIS PATTEN, Her Majesty's Last British Governor of Hongkong, was insulted by the Chinese-supported filmmakers of "Opium Wars," when he was excluded from the guest list of the film's gala premiere in Hongkong on June 11. More than 1,000 guests were invited by Panasia Films.

ALBANIA continues to be embroiled in chaos as elections near, according to a June 13 report from Radio Free Europe. On June 11, an Albanian freighter reportedly fired at an Italian Coast Guard vessel near Durres. The Italians returned fire and forced the ship to return to port. On the same day, the Greek consulate in Gjirokaster closed temporarily after it was fired on. On June 12, eight people were wounded in Elbasa during a shoot-out at a campaign rally of President Sali Berisha.