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EIR Oslo conference upsets appeasers

A good reading on the state of NATO's northern flank can be obtained from the events surrounding *EIR*'s Dec. 9-10 conference on beam-weapon strategic defense in Oslo, Norway.

The conference took place in a climate of massive counter-organizing. The social-democratic morning paper *Arbeiderbladet* accused *EIR* and its collaborators in the European Labor Party of being "paid by the CIA."

About a dozen "greenies" demonstrated outside the hotel where the conference took place, distributing leaflets against beam weapons and the conference. Police had to remove chains that had been strung across the entrance to the conference room. And in the middle of the conference, the hotel's electricity was cut for half an hour.

A group of *EIR* subscribers and Norwegian military officials attended, along with representatives of the Japanese and Indonesian embassies, and a fair-sized media contingent.

The conference made headlines, and was featured on Norwegian TV news Dec. 8, in the context of a *Pravda* attack the same day on U.S.-Norway military cooperation.

Drug addiction grows in free enterprise paradise

A quarter of the people in Santiago, Chile suffer from some form of chemical addiction, according to recent studies reported by the Associated Press.

The head of Chile's medical society reports, "In this country there has been a dramatic increase, in addition to drug use and alcoholism, in crime. The problem is basically the result of poverty, hunger, unemployment, recession, frustration, and a moral crisis."

General Augusto Pinochet's program, which last year resulted in a 14 percent reduction in economic output, was designed

by Nobel Prize winner Milton Friedman, who also believes that "free enterprise" extends to the narcotic traffic, including heroin, which he says should be free from government regulation along with the rest of the economy. He prescribes a "free market" in which all drugs, even heroin, should be legalized.

Chilean middle-class parents who once supported Pinochet's stern "moralizing" campaign have suddenly discovered the glazed looks in their children's eyes. Glue-sniffing, often fatal, is endemic among slum children. Secret police agents go into slum neighborhoods giving out marijuana to youths in exchange for information.

Colombian terrorist worshipped mother

The founder of the Colombian terrorist gang M-19, Jaime Bateman, confessed that the Isis-worshipping Gnostic cult is the basis of his politics. "Look, I basically believe in my mother," said Bateman, in an interview published posthumously by the Peruvian magazine *Caretas*.

"My mother is a Gnostic," he explained. "My mother was responsible for the establishment of the Gnostics in [the Colombian city of] Santa Marta, and every Saturday they set up a mental chain to protect us, the [M-19] organization." Asked if he wasn't afraid of being captured by the authorities, Bateman replied: "Of course not. Don't you realize that I am invisible to them? What do you think the mental chain is for? . . . I speak with my mother constantly. I need to talk to her. She gives me strength. . . . What happens is that the people they set up the chain for become immortal."

"I believe that at this time, the work needs more passion than reason," said Bateman. "Science stifles the world and stifles thinking."

Bateman was much admired by Colombian Nobel Prize winner Gabriel García Márquez, a novelist whose central theme is "magical realism." In fact, Marquez's mag-

num opus, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, is the one book that must be read to qualify for membership in the M-19.

NATO bases wide open to peacenik attacks

"Peace" activists broke into two NATO bases on Dec. 4: Greenham Common in Britain, and Hardt Barracks in West Germany. Both incidents—which led in the West German case to the severe damaging of a military tractor—revealed gaping holes in the security of NATO installations. The German intruders encountered one lone U.S. soldier, but they did manage to have an Associated Press team on hand to film the affair.

Given that there have been numerous warnings from *EIR* and others that these attacks would take place, the peacenik intruders should not have been allowed to enter the sites at all: When they did, nothing happened to them apart from a temporary arrest.

More such "peace" activities are expected. A blockade of the Frankfurt-Hausen U.S. Army base is planned for Dec. 9. The sponsors of the blockade are the Hessen Social Democratic Party (SPD), the DGB labor union federation, and the German Communist Party.

Terrorists release Jaime Betancur

Jaime Betancur, the brother of President Belisario Betancur, was released early Dec. 7 by his drug-mafia-guerrilla captors. Anti-terrorism demonstrations went on in Colombia, and as a result of initiatives by the Club of Life, throughout the world.

In Bogotá precisely at noon, everyone stopped working, record stores played the national anthem, churches rang their bells, and people took to the streets. Organized labor held a march at the Plaza de las Nieves.

In calling for the international support demonstrations for Colombia's fight against

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terrorism, Club of Life chairman Helga Zepp-LaRouche observed: "Since President Belisario Betancur came into power in 1982, he has waged an unrelenting war on the drug mafia that has turned his country into the chief international supplier of marijuana. He has moved to expropriate the drug financiers, to arrest the leading drug warlords, and to *wipe out* the drugs themselves with a Mexican-style program of paraquat. He has insisted that Colombia will not depend on its most profitable exports—marijuana and cocaine—but rather move to provide for its own future and that of the entire South American continent with a program of industrial and cultural development.

"President Betancur has undertaken this effort with full knowledge that he is going up against the genocidal, pro-drug policy of the International Monetary Fund and the Swiss bankers. . . .

But, as we in the Club of Life are well aware, even the fight against terrorism cannot be won in one nation alone. Like the IMF genocidal policy of pushing drugs down Third World nations' throats, the policy of terrorism comes from a group of international bankers and their allies who can only be stopped if there is an international fight to cut off their blackmail power. To help Justice Minister Lara Bonilla to protect his own government officials, himself, and the Anti-Drug Coalition, we must have an international mobilization against the terrorists."

1453 A.D.: What Lord Carrington should know

The closest precedent to what Peter Lord Carrington is currently attempting to accomplish with respect to the Soviet Union is a little-known episode which occurred at the time of the fall of Constantinople in May of 1453:

Constantine Paleologue's Byzantine Empire, confronted with internal disintegration and external military menace by the armies of the Ottoman Turks, had decided

to abandon byzantine cultural obscurantism and adopt the humanist, optimistic doctrine of then-emerging Renaissance Italy associated with the theological principle of the *Filioque*, that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father *and the Son* (*filioque* in Latin), i.e., that by which the human becomes divine. This had been accomplished earlier at the Council of Florence which decided on the unification of the Christian Churches.

The leading oligarchs of Byzantine society, however, felt greater affinity with the Ottoman oligarchical tyrannical system than with the republican system implicit in the doctrine of the *Filioque*.

The leading such pro-Ottoman Byzantine oligarch, the Lord Carrington of his day, was Grand Duke Lukas Notaras. Notaras organized the opposition, within the Byzantine Empire, to the decisions of the Council of Florence. He triggered a movement of military collaboration between a portion of the Byzantine population under his influence and the advancing Ottoman armies, which led to the fall of Constantinople five months later.

When the Ottoman Sultan Mohamed II captured Constantinople, he named Notaras a Councillor of State, according him all the privileges enjoyed by Ottoman officialdom. One such privilege involved supplying the sexual needs of the Sultan.

One night in the middle of a palace orgy, the Great Sultan remembered his councillor. He waved to his chief of bodyguards: "Go to the pavillion of Lord Notaras and inform him that the Sultan shall do honor to the Notaras family tonight. Lord Notaras himself is to bring to me his twelve-year-old son and his fourteen-year-old son this evening for the joy of my bed."

The chief of the sultan's bodyguards took a detail of troops and marched to Notaras's pavillion. Lucas Notaras, ashen-faced according to the chronicler, asked the officer to wait while he went inside to prepare the children. The officer waited at attention outside while old Grand Duke Notaras took his two sons into the family chapel, cut their throats with his own sword and then took his own life by falling on the same sword.

● **CARDINAL CASAROLI**, the Vatican State Secretary, is rumored to be headed for Moscow, while Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko comes to Rome, as part of a new Vatican *Ostpolitik*. Casaroli himself declared: "This would not be a mediation in the technical meaning of the word, but an activity to push a rapprochement to overcome the difficulties." Casaroli also declared himself convinced that "all the parties have good will."

● **RABELAIS** was honored at a gigantic conference held in Paris Dec. 9-10, attended by 250 students and a hundred adults.

● **SOVIET DEFECTORS** are in four out of ten cases in fact KGB operatives deployed to disorient the West under the cover of their defection, one leading European intelligence source says. Noticeably, Soviet emigrés into the West of late have been posing "all-Russian" nationalism and other blood-and-soil themes, as a supposed "alternative" to the regime of Andropov in the U.S.S.R.

● **EDINBURGH** Sovietologist John Erickson warns that the Soviet Union has reorganized its military structure into five "strike commands" aimed at launching "some form of preemptive strike." This threat is made more credible, according to Erickson, by extraordinary Soviet efforts to create an "almost invulnerable defense system" through crash research and development of beam weapons: "We have to do away with the nominal conceptions of the question of the Soviet Order of Battle. . . . They are re-packaging their forces, into separate strike commands, in terms of strategic, chemical-biological, and nuclear preemptive strike commands."