

International Intelligence

International exposé of NSC population documents

EIR's May 3 cover story on the U.S. National Security Council's population control policy was republished in several newspapers in Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Pakistan, and India during the month of June. The 1974-77 NSC memoranda, drafted by Henry Kissinger and Brent Scowcroft, labeled Third World population growth a threat to the U.S. national security.

The publications include *Ad Dastour*, one of the two most influential dailies in Jordan, and one widely read throughout the Arab world. The article was also reprinted in *Al Shab*, the weekly organ of the opposition Egyptian Labor Party, which led the domestic opposition to Egypt's involvement in the Gulf war. The editor of the paper had been put on trial during the war for allegedly publishing official secrets.

In Turkey, *Zaman*, a national Islamic newspaper, carried a front-page story on the documents, with a banner headline. Other versions of the story came out in the regional Turkish press.

Independently written articles on the NSC documents also appeared in several Pakistani and Indian publications, including *Takhber*, Pakistan's largest Urdu-language weekly; *Jasarat*, another Pakistani Urdu daily; and *Dawat*, an Urdu-language paper published in India.

Botha: Survival of Africa is the issue

South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha, in an interview with a Johannesburg television network on June 10, discussed an initiative that the government of President Willem de Klerk is floating with respect to certain African countries. The President returned recently from a trip to Kenya, and Johannesburg wire reports indicate that he will visit Egypt soon.

"What is of importance," Botha said, "is the effect of AIDS on Africa. On all these

important areas we will not only have to plan, but also make . . . regional decisions. . . . A joint plan will have to be put before Europe and the U.S. and Japan. . . . South Africa can assist them and can form part of the protest that Africa will have to deliver . . . in order to survive. What we are talking about is the survival of Africa.

"We are moving into a phase that I think few people in South Africa thought possible; we are finding ourselves in the position where we have to defend African countries against the violation of human rights. The West, Europe, are now setting conditions, even for Africa, that they should meet certain democratic demands . . . multiparty systems, independence of their judicial systems; there are African countries who cannot meet these demands at present; they are being pressed into a corner. . . . This is unreasonable."

The South African proposal calls for Egypt as a northern focal point of regional economic development, and then Nigeria in the west, Kenya in the center, and South Africa in the south.

Ethiopian communists are backed by Washington

The Bush administration rebuffed requests for political support from an authentically democratic Ethiopian opposition group, in order to throw its support behind a Stalinist/Albanian communist group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Tigre (PFLT), because the latter "has the guns," claimed senior French researcher Gerard Prunier, in a commentary in *Le Monde* on June 18 entitled "The New World Order in Addis Ababa."

According to Prunier, the PFLT group is now ruling in Addis Ababa, under a cover name, the Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF). The group has never disclaimed its admiration for Stalin and Albanian-style communism, and is violently hostile to democracy. The EPRDF is in fact a phony kind of "federated" group of opponents of the old Mengistu dictatorship,

servicing the purposes of the Stalinist Tigre guerrillas, but nonetheless it is to them that the U.S. "gave the keys of power."

What is little known, Prunier writes, is that there exists in Ethiopia the beginnings of a democratic opposition. It has few armaments, but is becoming more politically cohesive, under the name Coalition of the Democratic Forces of Ethiopia (CODFE). It brings together neo-monarchists with veteran leftist civilians who had been imprisoned by Mengistu's regime, and contains many individuals who are widely respected in Ethiopia. In any normal free election, the CODFE would rally behind it much of the Ethiopian population. Nonetheless, Washington has refused them access to "negotiations."

Says Prunier: "The explanation for this American blindness seems to come from a quiet arrogance."

Everywhere in Ethiopia, he writes, "the democratic forces are preparing to resist what they perceive as the emergence of a new dictatorship. . . . The danger is, of course, a scenario of the Somalian type and the implosion of the state in total anarchy, with the only alternative being a Stalinist regime trying ineptly to learn the typical methods of the International Monetary Fund."

Chinese communists boost ties to Soviets

Deng Xiaoping led the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee in formulating a new strategy focusing on friendly Sino-Soviet relations, Hong Kong's *Cheng Ming* reported on June 1. The strategy is to establish, with the Sino-Soviet relations at the core, a new socialist "alliance circle" comprising the P.R.C., U.S.S.R., Vietnam, North Korea, and Mongolia. Relations with the West, especially Japan, are focused on gaining maximum economic aid.

The strategy would include Soviet aid to modernize Chinese military capability. *Cheng Ming* reported that Soviet Defense Secretary Dmitri Yazov, when he visited Beijing in May, offered to sell China a large

Briefly

● **SOUTH AFRICA'S** parliament on June 17 repealed the Population Registration Act, which has been used since 1950 to classify every citizen by race. The next hurdle in ending the apartheid system, a very large one, is the drafting and implementation of a new constitution that is not race-based.

● **INDIAN** Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar said that the involvement of foreign forces cannot be ruled out in the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi. Delhi All India Radio Network reported on June 13: "Talking to newsmen in Varanasi today, Mr. Chandra Shekhar blamed these forces for carrying on a disinformation campaign to tarnish the image and credibility of democratic institutions in the country."

● **AHMED BEN BELLA** announced his intention to run for Algerian President on June 16. Ben Bella, the exiled former leader of the Algerian revolution, called on the present government to lift martial law and make way for new elections before the end of the year. A candidacy of the 74-year-old Ben Bella has been mooted for some time, against the background of mounting conflict between the "modernistic" heirs of the Algerian revolution and the Islamic fundamentalists.

● **SIKH TERRORISTS** shot dead 74 Hindu passengers in two trains in the Indian state of Punjab on June 15, in the worst such terror operation in years. Already 21 candidates in the elections in Punjab have been shot, and about 3,000 people have been killed in communal violence in Punjab this year.

● **CHANCELLOR KOHL** criticized Israeli refusal to cooperate with any European peace initiative, in a briefing to Christian Democrats in Bonn on June 14. He said that Israel is requesting German aid to settle 1 million immigrants from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in the next three years, but that he is unwilling to give aid to an area where a war is pre-programmed.

number of the "advanced" arms withdrawn from Eastern Europe at bargain prices—if China pays transport costs. Chinese artillery troops and pilots will also be sent to the U.S.S.R. for training.

The Soviets will also sell SU-27 fighters to China, the first transfers of Soviet military equipment to China in 30 years.

Philippines volcano threatens military bases

The United States is evacuating 20,000 dependents of U.S. military personnel from the Philippines because of the eruptions of Mt. Pinatubo, sharply reducing U.S. military presence in the Philippines. The natural disaster calls into question the future of the U.S. military bases at Clark Field and Subic Bay.

Within the last year, a major typhoon and earthquake both hit the country. The Gulf war, especially the need to evacuate thousands of Filipinos working in the Gulf region, also cost the country many millions of dollars. The U.S. forces have now been evacuated from the Clark Field air base, which is close to the volcano, leaving behind both conventional and, reportedly, nuclear warheads. All dependents from both Clark and the Subic Bay naval base are to be evacuated to the U.S.

The evacuation will make it far easier for a total U.S. pullout from the Philippines to occur if a new treaty on the bases is not ratified by the Philippine Senate, because the U.S. is refusing to meet Philippines requests for compensation. Clark and Subic Bay are the two largest U.S. military facilities outside the United States.

Church campaign lowers Poland's abortion rate

Over the past six months, Poland's abortion rate, previously one of the highest in the world outside the Soviet Union, has drastically dropped, the *Washington Post* reported on June 14. The dispatch places the responsibility for this on the Catholic Church,

quoting three medical abortionists to that effect. They complain that "the priests are talking to the women," offering them counseling and aid.

Such a development is essential to any sustained economic development in Eastern Europe, whose nations have extraordinarily low birth rates and population growth rates, after decades of official pessimistic atheism and economic stagnation. Poland's abortion rate had been over 50% of conceptions.

The Pope's visit to Poland during the second week in June will undoubtedly further this turnaround. While in Poland, he said, "We must increase our social concern not only for the unborn child, but for his parents, his mother first and foremost, if the arrival of her child has pitted her against troubles and worries with which she seems unable to cope alone. This concern should find expression . . . in the creation of institutionalized forms of assistance to those parents whose situations are particularly difficult."

Two Catholic archdioceses in the United States have initiated such anti-abortion aid programs, New York and Washington, D.C.

Baltic republics demand recognition from CSCE

The three Baltic republics—Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia—insist on being seated independently from the Soviet delegation at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). Lithuanian Foreign Minister Aldirgas Saudargas declared in Vilnius on June 15. He announced that the three Baltic foreign ministers will travel to Berlin, to push through their quest for sovereign representation.

The Soviet government responded to this statement and a new resolution in support of the Baltic states passed by the European Parliament a few days before, with a statement by Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Kvitsinsky, who is also the CSCE affairs coordinator. Kvitsinsky said that any reference to the Baltic issue would be considered by Moscow "an interference in the internal affairs of the Soviet state."