

International Intelligence

EIR appreciated in Ukrainian institutes

On Oct. 20, *EIR* correspondents Konstantin George and Lothar Komp were invited to the Lviv Institute for Agriculture in Ukraine. Komp gave a lecture on the global financial disintegration and how to overcome it, with sub-themes on the worldwide food crisis and the crucial role of great infrastructure projects.

On Oct. 23, the two were invited to give lectures at the Institute for International Relations of Lviv University. About 50 graduate students listened to Komp's presentation on the financial disintegration, the worldwide decline of physical economies along with the showcase Germany, and the necessity of Eurasian infrastructure projects financed by Hamiltonian banking. It turned out that the International Relations faculty receives one copy of *EIR* every week, and this is used by the professors as one of their main tools in training the future diplomatic corps of the newly independent republic.

Muslims were forced to wear armbands

"In Prijedor, Muslims were forced to wear armbands and their houses have been painted with white stripes," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights John Shattuck revealed on Oct. 19 in a press conference in Zagreb, Croatia. He had visited central Bosnia and interviewed 25 refugees just expelled from the Serb-held towns of Prijedor, Bosanski Novi, Sanski Most, Bosanska Dubica, Teslic, and Banja Luka. Shattuck confirmed reports that the gangs of war criminals run by Karadzic, Mladic, and Arkan are acting like the Nazis or Mussolini's Salò Republic in their last period of existence. In their last strongholds (Prijedor, Banja Luka, etc.), these paramilitary gangs are committing atrocities and ethnic cleansing equalling those committed in Srebrenica and Zepa last July. They hope that these "cleansed" areas will constitute their

Republika Srpska.

The above-mentioned towns have been the focus of recent "ethnic cleansing" allegations by Bosnian Muslims and Croats, who say the Serbs carried out killings as they fled a Bosnian Army advance. Some 6,200 Muslim refugees had reached Zenica by Oct. 18 and 2,000 relatives of these people were missing, most of them draft-age men, but also some women, children, and elderly.

"Muslims have been forced out of their homes, have often been beaten, raped, and children threatened with knives, in order to extort money from their parents," said Shattuck. "What I've heard from eyewitness accounts clearly amounts to substantial *prima facie* evidence of war crimes, which, if confirmed, could very well lead to further indictments by the war crimes tribunal." Reports from the area blamed Serbian paramilitary commander Zeljko "Arkan" Raznjatovic, who is wanted by Interpol.

But Shattuck stressed that there were also cases of individual heroism by Serb civilians who wanted to protect Muslim friends and shelter people fleeing the violence. "This is not an issue of ethnic guilt, it is an issue of individual responsibility."

'EIR Alert' catalyzed Opel decision on Graf

The circulation of exposures in the biweekly newsletter *EIR Strategic Alert* of the Picciotto-Union Bancaire Privée angle in the Steffi Graf "tax evasion" affair, played a catalytic role in the decision of the Opel Corp. management to cut sponsorship relations with the German tennis professional. The decision was made public on Oct. 16 by Hans-Wilhelm Gaeb, the European general manager of the car-maker, who resides in Zurich, Switzerland.

According to a report in the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, the abrupt end of a 10-year cooperation between the Graf family and Opel Corp. came about when, "at the end of August, documents of an internal economic newsletter appeared," the article said, with-

out naming the *EIR Strategic Alert*.

The newsletter "contained information about cases of illegal money-laundering in Florida and South Africa, in which the Geneva-based bank, Union Bancaire Privée (UBP), was involved. The UBP, where according to official investigators also hundreds of millions [of deutschemarks] of the bankrupt construction manager Schneider were deposited, is directed by a certain Edgar de Picciotto, the reports said. Gaeb felt alarmed. He found out that Edgar is the uncle of Phil [de Picciotto], and gave the documents to Steffi Graf's lawyer Peter Danckert at the beginning of September, asking him to inform Steffi about it right away."

Gaeb then found out that Steffi Graf was never informed by Danckert, who all of a sudden began attacking Gaeb in interviews and other public statements. The affair looked the more ominous to Gaeb, as it had been Danckert himself who told him, during the U.S. Open tennis championship in early August, that he did not trust Phil de Picciotto. Gaeb tried to get clarification about the affair by Danckert, and when Danckert refused to respond, Gaeb decided to break off all contact.

Paris court hears evidence for Cheminade

On Oct. 17, the 13th Chamber of the French Court of Appeals heard final summations from attorneys for former French Presidential candidate Jacques Cheminade, codefendants, and Christine and François Bierre, and counsel for the children of Mme. Denise Pazery, who was a substantial supporter of the political and cultural initiatives launched by Cheminade and others in France. Following her death in the fall of 1986, the Pazery children filed suit, charging the four associates of Lyndon LaRouche with "theft" in the solicitation of loans and contributions from Mme. Pazery, and alleging that Mme. Pazery suffered from recognizable symptoms of Alzheimer's disease at the time of the solicitations. The focus of the proceedings was inde-

pendent medical testimony, requested by the Court of Appeals following a lower court proceeding on the subject of Mme. Pazery's alleged illness. The expert conclusions undercut the family's claim, by casting strong doubt on when and whether she showed symptoms of Alzheimer's, and concluding that, were there such symptoms, they would not be recognizable to a third party. Alzheimer's, they conclude, was not the cause of death.

The Court of Appeals postponed a final decision in the case until Jan. 16, 1996.

Russian restructuring boosting a new Beria?

Aleksandr Korshakov is assembling a concentration of power unwitnessed since the infamous Lavrenty Beria of the Stalin era, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* daily said on Oct. 18 in a full-page analysis of the restructuring process among Russia's secret service and foreign intelligence agencies, which is going its fourth year now.

The author of the article, Alexander Rahr of the German Foreign Policy Association, wrote that Korshakov, as the boss of the Presidential security service, and his collaborator in the successor organization of the KGB, Mikhail Barsukov, command the biggest single concentration of power since the Beria era. They take part in every essential policy decision of the Yeltsin Presidential council—in domestic as well as in foreign affairs—and Korshakov is working unabated on his project of adding a new national guard, an army of his own, to the network of agencies and elite troop formations that he has already been able to put under his personal control.

According to Rahr, Korshakov even controls the Army, and it is said that under conditions of national emergency, he could give directives to the Armed Forces without even consulting the defense minister. The administrations in the republics and regions of Russia are under his control, as well as a new analytical center that he established this past spring.

Korshakov is moving against the new financial elites, and he is moving the opposition to Yeltsin (and to himself) out of the way, Rahr says.

The central question to be posed is, therefore, who will inherit this power complex, after the Yeltsin era, Rahr asks, not ruling out "new political unrest" in Russia (resembling 1991 and 1993) nor fierce power struggles, with the Armed Forces, the Interior Ministry militia, and the many heavily armed private armies to be reckoned with as power factors.

Benazir Bhutto survives coup try in Pakistan

In Pakistan, the authorities have arrested at least 36 Army officers including Maj. Gen. Zahirul Islam Abbasi, director general infantry, on charges of conspiring to overthrow the government through an "Islamic revolution."

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said, while talking to editors of national newspapers at the prime minister's house on the night of Oct. 14, "We should wait for the final outcome of the investigations."

Bhutto was commenting on the allegations made by Sen. Tariq Chaudhury that some top Army officers had been taken into custody and that neither the Defense Ministry nor the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) had confirmed or denied the allegation.

Meanwhile, *The Nation* of Lahore said that General Abbasi had worked in India as Pakistan's military attaché and allegedly "detected an Indian conspiracy to attack Sindh [province of Pakistan] and sent some important documents to Pakistan after which Pakistan adopted defensive strategy." Abbasi, then a brigadier, was expelled by the Indian government for sponsoring espionage activities. He was believed to be a top operative for Pakistan's Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI). The activities of Abbasi preceded Bhutto's return to office and immediately created fresh diplomatic hostilities between the two countries.

Briefly

● **LABOUR PARTY** leader Tony Blair must be brought to power in Britain to run a "post-welfare state" authoritarian regime, writes London *Sunday Telegraph* curmudgeon Sir Peregrine Worsthorne on Oct. 16, in the latest of his series of calls for dictatorships to be put in to rule western societies.

● **POPE JOHN PAUL** announced on Oct. 18, the establishment of a special fund for rebuilding thousands of destroyed places of worship in former Yugoslavia, and said he will contribute to it royalties from his recent book, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*.

● **ITALIAN** prime minister Silvio Berlusconi has been indicted on corruption charges and will be tried next Jan. 17. His media empire, Fininvest, is accused of paying bribes to tax inspectors in exchange for lenient audits. Berlusconi decried the charges as part of a political vendetta and said he will run for prime minister again.

● **HOSNI MUBARAK**, the Egyptian President, will stay home from three major international events for "security reasons," BBC reported Oct. 21. He pulled out of the Non-Aligned Summit in Colombia, the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in New York, and the Middle East economic development summit in Amman, Jordan.

● **GIANFRANCO FINI**, head of Italy's National Alliance party (former neo-fascist MSI), was in the U.S., invited by "superconservative Jewish financial circles around David Rockefeller and by one of the richest men in New York: Jewish businessman Zachary Fisher, major fundraiser for the Republican Party," as reported in the Turin daily *La Stampa* Oct. 16. Fini was hosted at a meeting of the Sons of Italy and the Anti-Defamation League of Long Island, and met Newt Gingrich.