

International Intelligence

West's Balkans policy is to 'perpetuate a mess'

The Western policy toward the former Yugoslavia, is to "perpetuate a mess, while preventing it from exploding, and attempting to contain it," a retired British diplomat, who has long vocally opposed the pro-Serb Anglo-French policy, told *EIR* on Nov. 12. The diplomat, who remains close to Foreign Office circles, was highly critical of the policy toward Bosnia: "Everybody is engaged, on all sides, in trying to keep the current direction on course. It is totally unreasonable. It is an ongoing fudge, which does no credit to anybody, and only stores up trouble for the future."

What worries him most, he said, is that there is no pressure whatsoever on "Yugoslav" President Slobodan Milosevic, to ease tensions in Kosovo, the majority of whose citizens are Muslim ethnic Albanians. In fact, he said, Milosevic is being courted and appeased, while the situation gets hotter by the day, as extremist elements among the Kosovars gain influence, overshadowing the "non-violence" advocates around Kosova leader Ibrahim Rugova.

EIR's source had just returned from Macedonia, where, he said, Western nations are encouraging ethnic strife between Macedonians and the minority ethnic Albanians. This minority is 40% of the population, and is increasingly becoming "more Albanian than the Albanians." He warned that the situation is "getting worse," and could explode, especially in the context where "the entire Balkans is festering."

British list of French KGB spies is 'rubbish'

A former British ambassador to Paris told *EIR* that the British list of acting and former French officials who were "KGB spies," might serve British interests in keeping French elites off balance, but is otherwise "a lot of rubbish." Britain recently orchestrated a major scandal in France, by "revealing" that France's late, former Defense Minister,

Charles Hernu, was one such spy.

The former ambassador continued, "Our intelligence services, like the American services, have drawn up lists, of who in the diplomatic corps had contacts with Soviet, or Russian agents. . . . What you have in this French case, is that some middle-ranking British intelligence officials are making a big deal about this absurd, larger list, which includes a lot of people who were meeting Soviets in the legitimate line of diplomatic business."

He went on: "The French and Germans maintained less control than did the U.S. and British, over how these contacts were made. . . . This is of no great harm. . . . but it is possible, that there are Anglo-Saxon lists, with these French and German names, and if some of these names are selectively leaked, this could damage reputations in France and Germany. This tactic could be used more and more, at a time when a groundswell against continental Europe is occurring in Britain, a growing anti-German and anti-French propaganda," he said.

Australia refuses visa to Sinn Fein's Adams

Australia has refused a visa to Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams, who was planning a tour to promote his book, *Before the Dawn*. Dutifully following the commands of Australia's Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth, Immigration Minister Philip Ruddock, said he refused the visa because Adams did not meet the "good character" requirements, since "Mr. Adams continues to be intimately associated with the Provisional Irish Republican Army . . . an organization that continues to conduct criminal acts of terrorism and bombing."

Hard-line Unionists, who have stalled the Northern Ireland peace talks and threatened to walk out if Sinn Fein is allowed in, took advantage of the situation to spew their venom against Sinn Fein and the United States. Democratic Unionist Party head, Rev. Ian Paisley, imperiously intoned, "The Australians are saying what everybody else thinks. It's important that America falls in

behind our Commonwealth partners." Ulster Unionist Party leader John Taylor, chimed in, "This is a victory for democracy over criminal violence. I do hope that others, particularly in the U.S.A., will follow the lead given by Australia."

Israeli TV leaks secret report on Hebron pullout

Israeli Television Channel 1 reported on Nov. 8 that it had obtained a secret government report on dealing with Jewish extremists in Hebron, who are prepared to contest any deal for Israeli forces to withdraw from the West Bank city of Hebron and hand administration over to the Palestinian Authority, as ratified under the Oslo II agreements.

"Handing Over the Keys" was a document prepared by security and police elements prior to the Israeli Defense Forces' redeployment in Hebron. Among other things, Channel 1 said, "The report also deals with what it calls a new and dangerous association, Sacred Hebron. One of its aims is to seize control of 20 houses, in which Arabs are currently residing, with the claim that they are Jewish property. The police marked those houses and will defend them. The intelligence report assumes that during the redeployment, attempts will be made by Jews to prevent it from taking place. It expects an attempt to hole in, armed with live weapons, and their use against Palestinian forces which arrive at the scene. In view of the above, the report recommends a short and speedy redeployment, perhaps even in a single night."

Italian prosecutor fired from 'new P-2' probe

In a surprise move, Aosta prosecutor Davide Monti was removed on Nov. 13 from an investigation which had led to the discovery of a freemasonic conspiracy against the Italian government, connected to U.S. Republican circles. Members of the conspiracy, which Monti had labelled "the new P-2," had been able to force the government in 1994 to in-

clude the separatist Northern League, including in the sensitive post of interior minister.

Heading the conspiracy is Enzo De Chiara, a U.S. citizen who is considered to be the successor to Propaganda-2 head Licio Gelli. De Chiara, who lives in Arlington, Virginia, has been a foreign policy adviser to the Republican Party. Monti's probe found that members of the conspiracy were involved in a scheme to cash in old bonds from Germany's Weimar Republic, involving the expertise of the former Houston law firm of George Bush's Chief of Staff, James Baker III.

Prosecutor Monti had interrogated top Italian politicians, military men, and managers, including the head of the separatist Northern League, Umberto Bossi, incurring the rage of De Chiara. In a statement to the press, Monti declared: "I am forced, against my will and my custom, to publicly say that there is an attempt to take away from me the complex investigations I am conducting. Such investigations, in a short period of time, have brought to light facts of extreme seriousness." Monti announced that he will appeal his removal from the case.

British oligarchs behind Myanmar 'democrats'

A two-part article in the government's *New Light of Myanmar* newspaper for Nov. 10-11, links trainers of the Nicaraguan Contras and British aristocrats to what styles itself as the country's "democracy" movement. The article, "Behind the Curtain," charges the CIA with running "black propaganda" against the government, on behalf of Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy, using the *Manual for Freedom Fighters*, developed for the Nicaraguan Contras. Since 1989, the CIA has trained members of the All-Burma Students Democratic Front (ABSDF) at camps along the Thai border, in areas controlled by the Karen National Union, the last of 16 insurgent movements fighting government in Yangon (Rangoon). (Other sources link the International Republican Institute directly in similar training of the ABSDF near India and the Kachin area,

bordering China.)

The articles subsequently identify the top controllers of the British-based support movement for Suu Kyi, the Burma Action Group (BAG), as her "adoptive mother, Lady G," and Suu Kyi's mother-in-law, Evelyn Aris. These ladies planted the secretary of their BAG, Zunetta Lidell, as a member of a three-person UN Human Rights Commission team, which toured Myanmar in 1992. The head of the team, Japanese Prof. Yozo Yokota, resigned after being barred from issuing positive reports about Myanmar, and was replaced with a more pliable stooge, who wrote his reports without ever setting foot in Myanmar.

Nobel peace terrorist praises colonialists

Terrorist Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jose Ramos-Horta heaped praise on East Timor's former colonial masters, Portugal, during an Oct. 30 TV interview in Lisbon. He gloated about the "considerable funds" provided to him after meetings with the Speaker Dr. Almeida Santos, President Sampaio, and Prime Minister Antonio Guterres. Now, he said, his group, Fretilin, has enough money to "support the clandestine front in East Timor." He claimed that he was not supporting the "armed front," but that the "armed resistance . . . enjoys great support among the population. The people respect and revere the Fanintil [Armed Forces for the Liberation of East Timor] guerrillas." Ramos-Horta predicted that if elections were held, "a large percentage, if not the majority" of East Timorese would vote to be a Portuguese colony.

Two days earlier, the Indonesian commander of the Baukai, East Timor, Military District Command was found dead with eight bullets in his body. It is believed that he was killed by Fretilin. When asked about the murder, upon arriving in Portugal, Ramos-Horta gave the peculiar reply, "Maybe the resistance is implicated. I don't know, but, in any case, Indonesia is in occupation of the territory and an army captain is an army captain and not a civilian."

Briefly

CROATIA is suffering a power vacuum after the sudden announcement that President Franjo Tudjman had been hospitalized at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. His personal popularity is declining, his ruling party is quarrelling, the opposition is boycotting parliament, and key Presidential and local elections are looming.

HONGKONG Colonial Gov. Chris Patten is working overtime to create "time-release" problems to leave behind when the island reverts to China next year. Patten told the *International Herald Tribune*, that Hongkong "represents precisely the sort of Asian city which [Europe and America] should want to see. It is open. It is a free market. It operates under the rule of law. It has all the decencies which are identified with universal values." He dismissed the idea of "Asian values" as "piffle."

NELSON MANDELA'S office building was broken into, on or about Nov. 8, and his office "has called for urgent intelligence and police reports" on his security, according to the *Cape Times*. "Police do not believe the attempted burglary bears the marks of a 'professional job,' but are concerned that the intruders managed to get so close to the President's work domain."

IRAQ AND IRAN'S vice presidents met in Rome, according to the Iraqi news agency INA on Nov. 16. INA said that the two officials discussed bilateral ties. Iraqi Vice President Taha Mohieddin Marouf and his Iranian counterpart, Hassan Habibi, were attending the World Food Summit.

UZBEKISTAN President Islam Karimov met with NATO General Secretary Javier Solana in Brussels on Nov. 13. Uzbekistan is the most active participant among the Central Asian republics in the Partnership for Peace Program and has more than once participated in joint military exercises with NATO.