

International Intelligence

Witches haunt Spanish elections

A new party representing witches will be running in the Oct. 28 national elections in Spain. The party, called the "Natural Culture" party, was formed in 1979. According to an interview with the party's secretary-general published Sept. 25 in the Barcelona newspaper, *Gaceta*, the party will run on a platform of alternate life styles; replacing large cities with small, self-sufficient towns based on soft energy sources; a return to agriculture, minus chemicals; replacement of heavy industry with low-capital crafts; and replacing expensive doctors and hospitals with medical self-help. The party's principal present constituency, according to *Gaceta*, are practitioners of witchcraft, healers, yogis, alchemists, astrologists, telepathics, and fortune-tellers. The party's third congress will soon be held in the mountains of Leon.

The *Gaceta* article gives the party six pages of coverage, replete with a photo of party members gathered around a tree, their hands touching its trunk, accompanied by the subtitle "Trees Have Energy." The article, entitled "Witches In Political Power?" could as easily have been illustrated by Goya.

Church revolt against Laborem Exercens

A pattern of European church revolt against the principles of Pope John Paul II's *Laborem Exercens* encyclical became visible at the end of September. *Laborem Exercens*, issued last year, stresses the injunction that man "be fruitful and multiply; and fill the earth and subdue it," affirming that this is carried out through the application of industrial technology.

This principle, also powerfully stated for modern conditions by Pope Paul VI in his 1967 *Populorum Progressio* encyclical, was directly attacked by the Franciscan order, at their 3-day seminar celebrating the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi, held in

Gobbio, Italy. The Franciscans declared that "We must substitute the present attitude of domination-exploitation of mankind, mainly by an industrialized minority. . . . We have to abandon the concept of progress, be poor in quantitative terms . . . reduce the productive activities."

The Franciscan diatribe, under the title of "The 1982 Charter of Gobbio," will be distributed to "men of good will" throughout the world. The theme of the Gobbio seminars, held in conjunction with ecologist groups and other religious associations, was "Terra Mater," Mother Earth.

The French Bishops' Conference, meanwhile, issued a written declaration "On the economic and social situation," in which they call on every Frenchman to change his way of thinking and to adopt a new way of life. They developed a complete austerity program, in social terms, to be spontaneously adopted by faithful Christians. It is, word for word, the program of the proto-fascist trade union, the *CFDT*, which is represented in the French government by Planning Minister Rocard and Finance Minister Delors, and which was recently praised by the Orleans dynasty's Comte de Paris.

Growth and progress were also denounced at the West German Bishops' Conference, by Bishop Hoefner.

London noses into Soviet-U.S. contacts

British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym has imposed himself as would-be mediator of Soviet-American relations. Before Andrei Gromyko and George Shultz conferred Sept. 28, each met separately with Pym. Pym and Shultz talked, over breakfast, about unifying Western policy toward the Soviets. In addition to the Pym-Gromyko luncheon, Britain has its Minister for Trade, Peter Rees, in Moldavia for a session of the British-Soviet economic commission at which the Soviet delegation is led by Leonid Brezhnev's son, First Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Yuri Brezhnev.

Prior to his diplomacy with the United States and Soviet Union in New York, Pym told the Foreign Policy Association that

Britain insists upon stronger links between East and West Europe, including construction of the famous Siberian pipeline. London press accounts stressed that Pym's delegation to the U.N. General Assembly would lay claim to the role of middleman between Washington and Moscow—especially by sounding off as "European spokesman" on behalf of the pipeline.

The case for such a "middle" European role was outlined also on the pages of the Council on Foreign Relations' *Foreign Affairs* in its just-released fall issue, by none other than the West German liberal Hans-Dietrich Genscher, whose Free Democratic Party brought down the Helmut Schmidt government. Genscher called for European unity (his style, and London's), to constitute a "pillar" of NATO as strong as the American pillar.

Mexico attempting to calm Nicaragua-Honduras

Strengthened with its dramatic domestic economic measures of Sept. 1, the López Portillo administration of Mexico is now turning its attention to ending the population wars which have devastated Central America. Mexico is coordinating with her Ibero-American allies, who have declared their intention to make the "continent a reserve of peace" in the midst of a "difficult world panorama."

The Mexican Foreign Ministry released in late September the text of a protest before the Guatemalan government, to make clear that Mexico will not tolerate violations of its border. Reports are now circulating in Mexico that Mexico will withdraw its ambassador if a satisfactory answer is not received from the Guatemalan government shortly.

On Sept. 16, Mexican President López Portillo had joined Venezuelan President Herera Campins in a peace initiative to end escalating border skirmishes along the Nicaraguan-Honduran border. The two presidents delivered three similar letters to the heads of state of Nicaragua, Honduras and the United States. The letters called for an immediate end to the arms build-up and harsh rhetoric from both sides, the dismantling of

paramilitary camps along the border, and offered their joint offices to mediate a peaceful solution.

But U.S. State Department policy, shaped by Kissinger and the population control lobby, is currently to *foment* a border war between the two countries, a policy they are flaunting as part of the strategy to provoke Nicaraguan radicals into action.

"Well-placed Honduran and U.S. sources" inside Honduras "keep whispering about a November or December invasion, and U.S. Ambassador [to Honduras—ed.] Negroponte refuses point blank to confirm or deny that the U.S. is financing the anti-Sandinistas in Honduras," the Wall Street Journal wrote Sept. 28 on "Latin hotspot" Honduras.

A former Honduran army officer, unnamed, explained: "First you destabilize the Nicaraguans, then you get them to come charging over the border to divert attention from internal problems, and then you ask for U.S. troops to help."

Portugal sprouts 'green' monarchists

Observers who have been watching with disgust the growth of the "green" parties in European legislatures are taking special note of Portugal, where the Popular Monarchist Party (PMP) entered Parliament and the cabinet two years ago.

The PMP is open about its amalgamation of the feudal and bucolic fantasies. Its 1980 election platform had just three points: 1) environmentalism, 2) outdoor camping, and 3) monarchy. Point 2 recalls the post-World War I German *Wandervogel* movement, which became a fertile recruiting-ground for Hitler's Nazis.

According to Randall Dicks, editor of the monarchist bi-monthly, *The Constantian*, the Portuguese monarchists have been resurgent for the entire decade, and hope to follow the example of Spain, where the monarchy was reinstated.

The PMP's most famous member is Dom Duarte, pretender to the Portuguese throne, who returned to Portugal following the suppression of the Portuguese revolution of

1974-76. Dom Duarte's Braganza family still claims the throne of Brazil as well, where it is closely associated with the fanatical Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP) organization. TFP uses anti-communism and the Catholic Church's Fatima cult to create a mass fascist movement as well as paramilitary forces.

Belgians in uproar over Hyperion

EIR's dossier exposing the Hyperion language schools as logistical centers for an important European terrorist network, has found an eager audience on the continent, especially among those who want to uproot the terrorist disease. During one week at the end of September, EIR's European headquarters was contacted by four Belgian ministries and the national police, all seeking further information on Hyperion. The dossier has been distributed to all relevant ministries and police agencies in France, Belgium, and Italy.

The Hyperion school has branches in Paris, Brussels, and London. The latter, according to Belgian policies sources, is the control point for the entire network. Hyperion's Belgian centers, which go under the names Eurocom and Eurologos, are coming under increasing attention as the investigation of Hyperion continues.

Italian government authorities have delivered extensive evidence on Hyperion's activities to their French counterparts. Now some sources are suggesting that Hyperion could be a front for certain agencies of NATO, and for the Propaganda-2 (P-2) freemasonic lodge. The exposure of top Italian government and military leaders involved in P-2's subversive activities brought down the Italian government in 1981.

The French government of François Mitterrand has refused to reopen investigations into Hyperion, and British authorities have been similarly unresponsive. But the publicizing of EIR's dossier by the demonstrations and press conferences of the European Labor Party, which wants Hyperion shut down, has increased the heat on the terrorists.

Briefly

● **MALAYSIA** needs more people, according to Dr. Mahatir bin-Mohammad, an M.D. who is the country's first Prime Minister not educated in Great Britain. Dr. Mahatir told the press that Malaysia's present population of 14 million can be increased five-fold, as long as economic development, including the increased productivity and purchasing power of the population, is taking place.

● **THE VATICAN** representative at the International Atomic Energy Association meeting in Vienna, Monsignor Mario Peressin, made a strong plea for nuclear energy, which he said was crucial for the economies of the developing countries.

● **KISSINGER** came out dirty again in the testimony of Elio Ciolini, who has been the "superwitness" of the Italian authorities' investigation into the P-2 lodge. According to *L'Espresso* Sept. 12, Ciolini has testified about a wild 1978 plot to procure aircraft for an unspecified country—wild because it involved Michele Sindona, Licio Gelli, and the Americans Frank Carlucci and Henry Kissinger.

● **RIGOLETTO** had its premiere as a mafia melodrama set in the 1950s, in London on Sept. 24. Responsible for this transmogrification of the opera, complete with hit man and juke box, is the English National Opera. British critics raved over the re-rigged Verdi, which may come with the company on its American tour.

● **LA CUCARACHA**, the famous tune about a lower form of life, was performed in a slightly revised version *La Cucaracha Bancaria*, *The Bank Roach* for José López Portillo before his speech to the Veracruz Naval Academy on Sept. 24. The Mexican President was greeted by bass Arnulfo Valazquez of the Mexican Labor Party, who led the cheering audience in the refrains to the song.