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Colombian kidnapping aimed at Betancur?

The production manager of the Texas Petroleum Company in Columbia, Kenneth S. Bishop, was kidnapped on March 7 by an unidentified armed group who dragged him from his car in a residential section of Bogota and killed his two bodyguards. Although kidnapping of prominent individuals is not uncommon in Colombia, and is part of a rapidly growing "kidnapping for profit" business, this action is the first in some time involving a foreign business executive. Two years ago the terrorist M-19 group kidnapped and killed an executive from the same company.

There is speculation that this action was intended to fuel efforts by the military faction led by Defense Minister Landazabal to sabotage President Belisario Betancur's amnesty program and reimpose a state of siege on the country; Landazabal's faction has been pointing to "growing insecurity in the country." As past investigations, as well as the recent report by Colombia's attorney general have demonstrated, certain factions of the military directly control kidnapping and terrorist groups of both the "left" and the "right."

Shamir asks U.S. for new military backup

Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir briefed a closed session of the Israeli Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee May 8 on his upcoming visit to the United States. Shamir is leading what Middle Eastern sources say will be a high-powered delegation to Washington for the purpose of "redefining" the U.S.-Israel strategic relationship. These sources say that the Israelis see the United States moving into a headline military posture against the U.S.S.R. in the Mideast, and therefore seek a greater regional military role for Israel.

From the leaks of Shamir's testimony, it appears that Israel is looking to Lebanon as

the first area of increased permanent Israeli military presence, with expected American blessings. Shamir will propose to Washington that the Lebanese crisis be resolved by establishing a joint U.S.-Israel-Lebanese army presence in southern Lebanon. In late February, an unnamed high Israeli source revealed that a proposal had already been presented by Lebanese army top brass for joint Israeli-Lebanese patrols of south Lebanon. According to this scheme, Israeli troops would withdraw from Lebanon but be allowed regular patrols across the Lebanese border.

David Kimche, the director-general of the foreign ministry, who has been in charge of U.S.-mediated talks with Lebanon and will accompany Shamir to Washington, has suddenly begun to sound moderate. Kimche now says that Israel only wants a "very limited trade exchange to symbolize the hoped-for new relationship between the countries." In the past, Israel has demanded diplomatic relations and a treaty with Lebanon before it would withdraw its troops. Lebanese sources say that Israel already has established de facto lucrative trade relations with Lebanon, and is satisfied that eventual formal relations will come as a matter of course.

JDL to be banned by Israeli government

Members of the Israeli Knesset are supporting a call to outlaw the Kach Party, that country's arm of Rabbi Meir Kahane's Jewish Defense League (JDL). "By any acceptable test, Kach is a fascist and racist group in ideology, propaganda, and terrorist methods," said Mapam Party Knesset member Ya'ir Tsaban in proposing the ban.

U.S. intelligence sources have reported that in February, Kach leader Meir Kahane called for the assassination of Lyndon LaRouche, and of Pope John Paul II.

Over the past two months, security agencies from several countries, including the Israeli national police department, have been investigating the ongoing criminal activities of the JDL and Kach. The Israeli investigation was triggered on Feb. 10 in

Jerusalem when Kach members detonated a grenade in a Peace Now demonstration protesting the Israeli occupation of Lebanon. The explosion killed one person and injured several others, including the son of Interior Minister Josef Burg.

Since that time, Kahane has called for killing "Neo-Nazis," "Jew-haters," and Arabs throughout the world, and has sent several of his Israeli-based followers in the "Hasulam" or "Kestel movement" into the United States and Europe for this purpose.

Over the first 10 days of March alone, Kach members were involved in three shootings of Arab cars and homes in the volatile West bank of Israeli-occupied Jordan, injuring a two-year-old Arab girl. Four Kach members, including two Americans, have been arrested for one of the shootings.

The Jerusalem Post on the Temple Mount affair

The March 6 *Jerusalem Post* featured a half-page article on the Christian-evangelicalist "Temple Mount" operation that begins by deriding a certain "American sensationalist journal" that "recently claimed that Henry Kissinger and the Mafia were involved in a plot to rebuild the Temple on its ancient site" in Jerusalem. "As doubtful as such information may be, there are Christians who long to see the Temple rebuilt, and they are in contact with Jews in Israel."

After this characterization of *EIR*'s explosive revelations on the Temple Mount Foundation, the *Post*, whose ownership is related by family to AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland, presents evidence on the subject that closely follows what was printed in *EIR* six weeks earlier—except that the *Post* takes great pains to deny there is any Kissinger involvement.

The piece focuses on Stanley Goldfoot, a foundation representative in Israel, who proclaims the evangelicals to be "the real Zionists in the U.S., not the American Jews," since these Christians "feel that we are coming closer to a critical period in history and they want to help the Jews to fulfill prophecies and thus hasten the second coming of

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the Messiah." Goldfoot is impressed that the evangelicals affect 20 million people a day in the United States; "they are a great asset and they must be used as such," Goldfoot thinks.

The *Post* reports that Goldfoot is not only working with Terry Reisenhuver, head of the Temple Mount Foundation (who is "said to be involved in the oil business because he is convinced that there is enough petroleum in the U.S. to dispense with Arab oil and thus aid the cause of Israel"), but also with a tax-exempt U.S. organization in Santa Ana, California headed by the Reverend Chuck Smith, and with Reverend Ray Stedman of Palo Alto. The "most remarkable" of the American evangelicals is one Lambert Dolphin, "a senior research physicist of the science and archaeology team of the Stanford Research Institute," who has written manuals for the archaeological operations in that region.

Western press takes aim at Zimbabwe

The British and U.S. press are leading a high-profile campaign against the government of Zimbabwe, in the wake of Zimbabwean efforts to curb destabilizations in Matabeleland provinces. *Newsweek's* South Africa correspondent initiated the latest spate of provocative coverage; the British press is now spreading lurid stories claiming that Zimbabwean troops have brutally massacred civilians in repression of the unrest.

The operation that has been thrown against Zimbabwe over the last several months involves the networks of Rhodesian leader Ian Smith, a coterie of stooges that Smith unsuccessfully used in an attempt to forstall majority rule (Abel Muzorewa and Nabadanga Sithole), and the networks of Joshua Nkomo.

Nkomo, whose influence is based on an ethnic group that makes up 19-20 percent of the population, has now fled Zimbabwe to neighboring Botswana; the event is being seized on to give a lot of publicity to claims of human rights violations and brutality by the Mugabe government.

Nkomo has Soviet connections, and is also linked to figures such as Lonrho Corporation's Tiny Rowlands. The Nazi International, primarily operating through South Africa—which is following a policy of destabilizing neighboring black states—has been behind the operation inside Zimbabwe. Mugabe's alliance with white farmers who remained in Zimbabwe after independence is very important for his survival. Mugabe has never permitted these farmers to arm themselves from savage attacks on black and white civilians in Matabeleland province in self-defense.

South Africa is reportedly training and supplying the remnants of Nkomo's forces, as well as those of Muzorewa. However, by only clamping down militarily, the Zimbabwe government runs the risk of walking into the trap of prolonged ethnic or tribal conflict.

Mass sterilization proposed for Africa

The founder of the eugenicist journal *Mankind Quarterly*, Robert Gayre, in a discussion with a European journalist, recently declared that "the population explosion is a true thing. In Africa as a whole, the population should be tied down to what it was at the beginning of this century. There was a great consternation at the end of the last century that the Negro race would die out altogether. Instead they are increasing by leaps and bounds. Population is absolutely getting out of hand, and it is the wrong social types who are increasing. . . . We need wholesale sterilization and so on. This should be done, and Europe and America should stop do-gooding and giving so much aid to these countries in the Third World."

Gayre thinks that the Pope is "entirely wrong" on population. "But he's in danger. How long will he last?" He also thinks "the best work on racism is done in Sweden, by the medical people in Stockholm and Lund." He is also connected to the circles around Per Engdahl, a veteran Swedish fascist and friend of Nazi International coordinator François Genoud.

● **GORDON LAWRENCE** of Shell Oil is involved in a secret project to work with radical priests to destabilize the Marcos regime in the Philippines. Lawrence, who was involved in operations to dismember the nation of India (that were exposed in the Indian press), is working with the World Council of Churches in Geneva on this project. He was a top psychological profiler at London's Tavistock Institute psychological warfare agency in 1971-82.

● **ARTHUR KOESTLER**, Hungarian emigré British intelligence spook, is reportedly doing field work to expand his 1976 book, *Life After Death*.

● **MUAMMAR QADDAFI**, president of Libya, will be sponsoring an international conference on his "Green Book" in Libya during the month of April. Invited participants include leaders of the European "green" movement and prominent neo-Nazi leaders of West Germany.

● **YA'ACOV MERIDOR**, scion of the Maritime Fruit Carriers interests and currently Israeli minister of economic cooperation, will resign in the near-term future, Israeli sources say. "Meridor made a fool of himself by announcing that he had a special invention to save the world from using oil, and he is on his way out," the sources claim.

● **AURELIO PECCEI**, head of the Club of Rome International, will be receiving a special medal in Austria in June from the German "environmentalist" organization, Weltschutz des Lebens (World Protection for Life), which was originally set up in the 1950s by former officers of the Nazi SS. The WSL is the ideological "mother" organization for the German environmentalist (green) movement.