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French ambassador: 'Friedman a genocidalist'

Antoine Blanca, the special French ambassador without portfolio to Ibero-America, used appropriately undiplomatic language at a recent press conference in Venezuela to describe monetarist economist Milton Friedman. "Friedman is a genocidalist, especially against the Third World," the personal envoy of French President François Mitterrand said.

Speaking at the French embassy in Venezuela during his tour of several Ibero-American nations, Blanca also criticized the press for ignoring the effects of Friedman's Malthusian policies.

"The press, which is so worried about France, doesn't say anything about the great disaster of monetarism and of the Chicago boys. It doesn't say anything about the disaster of Madame Thatcher's economy [in Britain], nothing about the industries that have to close in the United States. It doesn't say anything about the Third World, where these people make Friedmanite experiments, as they did in Chile, where he had his big moment and now his biggest disaster. The same in Argentina with [former Finance Minister] Martinez de Hoz, who brought his nation to its knees."

Jewish Council calls JDL a fascist movement

The official newspaper of the Central Council of Jews in West Germany has labeled as "fascist" Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the U.S. Jewish Defense League and Israel's Kach movement.

The March 25 issue of the *Allgemeine Jüdische Wochenzeitung* (German Jewish Weekly News) concluded: "The 'Kach' group of Kahane is certainly a case of fascist elements, influenced by racism. Prof. Ammon Rubinstein has said that the Kach-ideology is clearly racist, because its leaders, the Rabbis Kahane and Ariel, want to degrade the Arabs, or 'Ismaelites,' to some form of racially inferior Jebusites, who have no business being in Israel and whose expulsion or 'emigration' to the Arab states has to

be demanded."

The article tied Kahane and his followers to attempts by the Temple Mount project to foment religious war in the Middle East through a campaign to rebuild the Temple of Solomon on the site of the Dome of the Rock Mosque, the second holiest shrine of Islam.

Written by Zeev Barth, the German Jewish Council article appeared under a headline warning: "Here as well they are increasing their power."

JDL murderer sentenced in Jerusalem

A Jerusalem District Court judge sentenced Jewish Defense League member Alan Goodman on April 7 to life imprisonment and an "additional 40 years penalty" for having killed Muslim worshipers in the Al-Aksa mosque in a shooting spree last year.

The court judged that Goodman's defense of "insanity" was not valid. As he was brought out of the court, Goodman, imitating Rabbi Meir Kahane, started shrieking, "Kill the Arabs! Kill the Arabs!"

According to one Israeli source, the sentence against Goodman was a "warning to the Gush Emunim West Bank settlers and Kahane's crowd that they had better cool down their actions." He said that the growing fear of Israeli security authorities was that Kahane and his JDL followers would form a "zealot underground" funded by "Christian evangelical organizations in the United States."

Before the April 7 action by the Jerusalem court, Israeli police had used tear-gas grenades to break up an attempt by fanatical Zionist religious groups on Easter Sunday to climb onto the Al-Aksa mosque and Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount area of Jerusalem to "pray."

This incident, which caused a wave of anger and anxiety among Jerusalem's Arab population, was almost entirely blacked out of the international press, except for a short dispatch in the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* April 6.

Earlier this month in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa region the top section of the Hassan Bek Islamic mosque somehow collapsed. Mus-

lim leaders in Israel are accusing Israeli elements of having sabotaged the structure, and the radio broadcasts of the governments of Syria and Jordan are blaring loud broadcasts accusing Israel of "desecrating Muslim holy places."

An expert on Islam at Israel's Tel Aviv Shiloah Centre, Zvi Elpeleg, warned that if the Israeli government did not take action to ensure that the Hassan Bek structure were preserved and that the incident of the collapse were fully investigated, "this incident may spread like fire through the Muslim world, which will not accept the conclusion that the structure collapsed by itself." Elpeleg stressed that such an incident may arouse "real religious feelings" in the Islamic world "which are then exploited by the Muslim Brotherhood."

Why is Andropov afraid to reveal the truth?

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. 1980 presidential candidate and advisory board chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), released the following policy statement from Wiesbaden, West Germany on April 6.

"President Reagan should immediately challenge every Soviet-loving, peacenik, nuclear freeze advocate to put the question to Yuri Andropov why Reagan's speech was never printed in the U.S.S.R. Is Andropov afraid of printing the President's proposals? Why is he afraid to utter a single word about the substance of Reagan's speech?"

"It would not be inappropriate for the President to demand that George Ball be the first to make this demand of Andropov.

"Until the peace movement demands that Yuri Andropov print Reagan's speech, its adherents should kindly shut their mouths."

Mother Russia dislikes beam weapons

Rallying to the support of Yuri Andropov, Patriarch Pimen of the Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate) has sent a letter to Ronald Reagan, accusing the President of being a "bad Christian," because

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"you are pushing for war against my nation and fatherland." Reagan, according to the Muscovite Patriarch, is committing a "serious sin" by pondering the "criminal hypothesis of war."

The letter is also meant as support for the American nuclear freeze bishops. Radio Moscow has played up a U.S. Roman Catholic pastoral message which calls for "large-scale public resistance" against "Reagan's immoral policies."

The president of the Great Britain-U.S.S.R. Friendship Association, Sir John Lawrence, told a caller, "Mother Russia will take care of the beam weapons." He predicted an "unstoppable religious renaissance" in the Soviet Union by the end of century, which is being prepared by the underground Uniate Church in the European part of the U.S.S.R. and the Sufi Brotherhoods in the Caucasus and Central Asian Muslim regions. "Secret believers" inside the Communist Party, the Oriental Institute, and other institutions preparing the way, he said.

French attack Bulgarian Connection

France's April 6 decision to expell 47 Soviets is related to the recent assassination of Colonel Nut, head of the French DGSE Intelligence services for the Alpine region who was instrumental in uncovering the "Bulgarian Connection" involved in the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II. Nut had supplied Italian officials with intelligence leading to the arrest of Soviet spy Pronin. It is reported in the French press that Nut, found dead on Feb. 25, could have been killed by a double agent who fled to East Berlin with documentation collected by Nut regarding KGB operations in Italy and France.

According to the *International Herald Tribune*, French intelligence obtained from a Bulgarian defector provides an extensive reading of the plot to kill the Pope and of the Bulgarian drug and weapons ring only one month after the attempt against the Pope's life. The Soviet spies deported are the network of Nikolai Chetverikov, said to be KGB supervisor in France, who was himself deported. Ostensibly first counselor at the So-

viet embassy in Paris, Chetverikov is known as the "faceless man" who takes his orders from Soviet leader Yuri Andropov.

The decision to expel the 47 Soviets was made by President Mitterrand himself, after a briefing by Interior Minister Gaston Defferre. Mitterrand, according to some reports, was enraged when he realized that the KGB had attempted to infiltrate his own entourage. Both Spain and Britain have expelled Soviet diplomats as spies in the recent period, but only one or two at a time.

Colombia losing 'privileged debtor' status

New York bankers have told *EIR's* Debt Watch that Colombia "will have a very hard time getting private bank credits from now on," despite that country's remaining \$4.5 billion reserves.

This view was confirmed to *EIR* by a Japanese diplomat in Colombia who said that Japanese bankers expect Colombia to "explode" as Mexico, Brazil, and Venezuela have. Even the Japanese, therefore, are avoiding any new loans to Colombia, he said.

Last month Colombia Finance Minister Edgar Gutierrez had boasted at the meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) in Panama that his country was being deluged with a "rain of offers" of international bank credits of all kinds.

Colombia central bank head Hugo Palacios Mejía, a member of the delegation to the IADB meeting, contended that one such offer came from Japan, an offer of yen-denominated bonds through the Banco Industrial de Panama. The Japanese diplomat denied that the offer had been made.

Palacios Mejía also said that Colombia's reserve "cushion," now at \$4.5 billion and declining, would still provide a "margin of security" to guarantee the nation's import requirements for at least 14 months and to maintain its seal of approval by the international banking community.

One New York banker who has been carefully watching Colombia in recent days told *EIR*, "Things could change overnight. Those reserves can be pissed away awfully quickly. Just look at Brazil. . . ."

● **HENRY KISSINGER** denied that he had threatened former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro just prior to Moro's kidnapping and murder by the Red Brigades in 1978 in a interview on Italian national television April 8. "The Red Brigades are a communist organization," Kissinger stated. "I am very enraged when I hear people accusing the United States of killing Moro." When pressed by the interviewer, who cited the testimony of Moro's widow and children that pointed directly to Kissinger, he answered, "How could I have threatened Aldo Moro if I don't speak Italian? . . . They are just upset by Moro's death."

● **JURGEN HOLST**, science and technology consultant to the Palme Commission, said April 8 that the Commission had "submitted its last report" in the wake of President Reagan's March 23 speech calling for U.S. development of space-based beam weapons." [The Commission] may not continue to function."

● **FALCO ACCAME**, head of the military department of the Italian Socialist Party and a former head of the defense committee of the Italian Parliament, declared that, if President Reagan's beam weapon technology is deployed, the equilibrium of terror will be replaced by "a new equilibrium of underpants. . . . We will find ourselves in our underpants if we take off all our armaments. If we abandon the sense of unjust security based on the equilibrium of nuclear terror, we will find ourselves without our protective mother."

● **EFRAIN RIOS MONTT**, the fundamentalist dictator of Guatemala, declared that "greater Guatemala has historically extended from the state of Chiapas, Mexico to Costa Rica in an interview published in the Colombian magazine *Cromos* March 29.