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Pickering unfit for El Salvador

"Administration nominee for ambassador to El Salvador Thomas Pickering is a key promoter of depopulation policies throughout the Third World. He must not be confirmed," said U.S. Club of Life head Nancy Spannaus in a statement released June 8. Pickering headed the Office of Population Affairs of the Carter State Department, as well as the interagency task force for the notorious *Global 2000 Report*.

"We see the hand of Kissinger-protégé George Shultz behind this nomination," Spannaus continued. "It was Kissinger, after all, who established the Ad Hoc Group on Population Policy in the National Security Council in 1975, and then set up the State Department Bureau of Oceans, International Environment and Scientific Affairs with jurisdiction over all economic and scientific programs with relevance to population policy, as well as population policy per se. Every occupant of that position has followed in the spirit of his genocidal intent, including under later Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. George Shultz, who has declared population as one of the primary problems of our time, is no exception."

Pickering remained a vocal advocate of *Global 2000* policies during his most recent assignment, as U.S. ambassador to Nigeria.

Brazilian bishop denounces Moonies

The president of the National Conference of Bishops in Brazil, archbishop Dom Ivo Lorscheider, went on national radio May 25 to denounce the activity of the Sun Myung Moon sect in Brazil and throughout the continent, reports the São Paulo daily *O Estado*. According to *O Estado*, Dom Ivo condemned the Moonies' "doctrinary errors" and their "lamentable methods of action." A similar attack was issued by the bishops of Honduras on April 8.

Dom Ivo pointed out that after he denounced the sect in another radio presentation last August, he received hundreds of "appeals from heart-broken families, whose sons and daughters, after being conquered by

the cult, turned wierd and broke family ties."

A Uruguayan priest wrote Dom Ivo that "the Moon cult, despite not having yet initiated its official campaign of religious proselytism, has bought one of the best hotels in the city, edits a newspaper, has a well known radio station, and is building a 32-floor skyscraper in the center of Montevideo; it has a college, and edits a magazine named *Causa*."

Dom Ivo concludes that "even though the Moonies call themselves Christians, it, in truth, denies Christianity. For the cult, Christ is not God, nor can He realize the salvation of men: the truly knowledgeable legislator and unifier of humanity will be Moon."

Strategic trouble brewing in Sudan

Intelligence reports received by *EIR* point to renewed civil war in the Sudan. Unrest in that country will immediately reverberate into Egypt, and contains the potential for U.S.-Soviet conflict.

Political analysts note uneasily the increased attention being paid by both Protestant and Orthodox church bodies to the Sudan. The international affairs bureau of the World Council of Churches (WCC) has just received a confidential report authored by a leading U.S. Presbyterian Church body forecasting civil war there, and urging increased WCC involvement to "mediate" the situation. The Geneva-based WCC is known to be particularly active among the Christian animist groups of southern Sudan, feeding a mood of revolt that is designed to trigger a new civil war. The WCC was deeply involved in "mediating" the 1955-72 Sudanese civil war.

The ubiquitously vicious Libyan regime is reported to be running training camps in southern Ethiopia for Sudanese rebels. One source reports that the Ethiopian government has recently been cultivating relations with the Ethiopian Coptic Orthodox Church, to "strengthen nationalist feeling in Ethiopia. . . . It's an Ethiopian version of blood and soil, similar to what Stalin did in 1943 when he called on the Russian Orthodox Church to rally to defense of the Russian Motherland." The Soviet leadership too, according to this source, has been cultivating

the Ethiopian Church.

A European analyst described how the Soviets are attempting to draw the United States into a regional debacle, by supporting secessionists in Sudan, through the Libyans.

An added dimension in the situation is the Israeli role. An Israeli source suggested to *EIR* that "civil war is inevitable" in Sudan, by September at the latest, and will be accompanied by a more-or-less simultaneous attack by Libya on Egypt.

A new geopolitical game out of London?

The signs of a most intriguing policy evolution are beginning to emerge out of certain circles in Great Britain. Faced with a looming U.S.-Soviet strategic confrontation, these circles are comfortable neither with the Pugwash Conference "back-channel" disarmament game, nor with the game of the Swiss-"Mitteleuropa" gnomes whose tendency, now as in the past, is to tilt toward the stronger player—in this case Moscow. These British are worried about what is in store for them if the "Third Rome" empire-builders in Moscow are too successful.

One sign of this came when Margaret Thatcher began to campaign on the theme that Britain must launch a "new industrial revolution" based on "space-age technologies" that can be a "driver" for the British economy. Although Thatcher may not know what that means, the election campaign in a wider sense appears to reflect some Conservative Party unease with the post-industrial society push of the past years, and with the chaos that might result from further collapse of the British economy.

A source in the Conservative Party's Research Bureau, the party "think tank," told *EIR* that there is a growing interest among party circles in finding a way to transform the "space-age technologies" idea into something that can build up the in-depth base of the economy.

Apprised of *EIR* founder LaRouche's "Operation Juárez" proposal for joint Latin American debt renegotiation for industrial development, the think tanker stated, "That kind of policy will have some support here. There are those like myself who support the idea of joint renegotiation of debt, and were disappointed that the idea was not discussed

at Williamsburg. If we don't have something like this, we will at one point or another have one country, like Mexico, unable to pay its debts, and the rescheduling can't keep on forever, especially since the Arabs are increasingly unwilling to keep that game going."

He also expressed sentiment in London that Swiss private companies are being used as "leakage" points for giving the Soviets access to advanced western military-related technology. "There is a very, very high chance of a scandal breaking out about this," he stated.

Attempt on the life of Pakistani leader

Mr. Qayyum Butt, an exiled leader of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) residing in London, was the victim of an assassination attempt in late May. Mr. Butt was hospitalized with knife wounds in the head and face. The attack occurred in broad daylight, and police arrested two assailants immediately. After being held for one day, the assailants were given minor fines and deported to Pakistan.

Mr. Butt, a deputy secretary general of the PPP, was twice elected to parliament before the 1977 military coup that brought dictator Zia ul-Haq to power. He was imprisoned by the Zia regime, but later permitted to travel to England. Upon arrival in London, he was promptly placed in prison by British authorities, who argued that he did not possess "proper papers." His appeal for political asylum in Britain is still pending; in the meantime, he must regularly report to the British authorities. Both the U.S. State Department under George Shultz, and the West German foreign ministry, hold that PPP members are in no danger from the Zia regime, and therefore do not merit political asylum.

Dr. Ghulam Hussain, secretary general of the PPP, issued the following statement from his headquarters in Stockholm in response to the assassination attempt:

"It is evident that General Zia has now adopted a new strategy in regard to the leaders of the Pakistan People's Party. We are now to be hunted down in exile in Western Europe and elsewhere and physically eliminated. General Zia has now shown that he

is able to dispatch teams of assassins to Western Europe, have them perform their work, and then be allowed to return to Pakistan with impunity. In allowing the persons who attempted to murder Mr. Qayyum Butt to return to Pakistan without being tried in Britain, the British government has blatantly demonstrated that it is in connivance with General Zia in these attacks on PPP leaders. How else can one explain the fact that no action was taken in the case of a murder attempted in broad daylight on a London street?

"Furthermore, the reaction of the British press, which has not covered the assassination attempt with so much as a single line, is evidence of the collaboration of British circles at the highest level. A top political leader of Pakistan, twice a member of Parliament, is nearly murdered in London, and not a single British newspaper mentions the incident."

Israeli: 'Help Arabs make the desert bloom'

Yekutiel Federmann, a prominent Israeli industrialist from Haifa, has called for a new Middle East Charter of pro-Western states based on joint Arab-Israeli efforts to develop the region.

In a May 29 op-ed in the *Jerusalem Post*, "Thinking Big," Federmann argued that such a Charter would "give new hope to all the Western-oriented nations of this region." Signers of the charter "must agree to leave religion in the private domain of each individual, while collectively looking to the larger issues that can unite us. Our needs are obvious. The Arab countries crave expertise and know-how. We need investments. They have the capital, we, the know-how. Most of all, they need the know-how to make the desert bloom, and that is precisely what Israel has. No one else can provide it quite as well as this country.

"The small thinkers, the doubters, those who said 'it can't be done' have long since been forgotten," says Federmann. "Their lack of faith contributed nothing to mankind's progress."

Federmann proposed that the Charter be backed up by the U.S.A. and Europe, and contended it would be a counterweight to Soviet expansionism in the Mideast.

● **BUDAPEST** was the scene of a Christian Peace Conference in early June which brought Daniel Berrigan together with representatives of the British END group and local church activists. The latter are reportedly not being encouraged by the mainstream church leadership of Hungary.

● **CHINA** and the Soviet Union have in principle decided to re-open consulates in Leningrad and Shanghai that have been closed since the 1960s, according to front page articles in Chinese American newspapers.

● **PRESIDENT BELAUNDE** of Peru has come out with a blast against "international organizations" that purport to be helping and doing research on the peasantry, but instead are fostering terrorism. He said that his country on the other hand welcomes those who come from abroad "bringing technical know-how and development projects."

● **HELMUT SCHMIDT** reportedly has little use for Pope John Paul II, who does not share his view that population control will help the world. The story in circulation is that an aide to Schmidt commented on the Pope: "We will have to wait for the next one. . . . You never can tell, heh, heh, from time to time they change."

● **THE AUTHOR** of the attack on Reagan's beam-weapons policy in the French Communist newspaper, *L'Unité*, says it was not an attack at all—"I just said he was confused." As for the headlines ("E-Beam is Bunk and Reagan a Crook"), "they are from the editing board," says Hugo Sada.