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Guyanese president says IMF comes first

According to presidential decree, all laws in Guyana will now be judged from the standpoint of the country's agreement with the IMF. Those that violate the IMF dictates will just have to be adjusted.

A second presidential decree, justified on the basis of cutting government spending to meet the IMF requirements, orders that in any household where more than one person is employed by the government, only the household member earning the highest salary will be retained at his job; the rest will be fired—in a country where 80 percent of the economy is in the hands of the government.

The implications for family life in Guyana, where prostitution and drugs are thriving under the IMF's drugs-for-export economy, are straightforward: If a husband in the family earns \$450 a month, and his wife, \$500, the husband can quit his job—or leave his family. Sons and daughters will similarly be forced out of their homes if they wish to eat, under circumstances in which it is impossible to establish "independent" households.

Sikh terrorism adds to India-Pakistan tensions

Both the Indian and Pakistani armies went on alert on both sides of the Punjab border, after Sikh terrorists who want an independent "Khalistan" state threw hand grenades into Hindu temples in the Indian Punjab the weekend of Oct. 15, causing several deaths. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was quoted by the BBC and others as blaming Pakistan for the actions of the Sikhs.

In Pakistan, various outlets have accused India of fostering the disturbances, accusing India of annexationist designs.

The situation in both countries is deteriorating, with military pressures mounting. The government has reportedly ordered eight companies of security forces to the Indian capital of New Delhi, in anticipation of vi-

olence there. Also, fearing a recurrence of the massacres of Bengalis which occurred last winter, India is constructing a barbed wire wall between Bangladesh and India, to prevent refugees from going to India.

Some sources inside Pakistan say that the Zia will not last more than a few months longer.

German labor set up for a radical turn

"We might well have up to four million unemployed this winter . . . and I don't know if we can keep control over the workers, then," Hermann Rappe, the chairman of the West German chemical workers, said in mid-October. He harshly criticized the metalworkers' union for "driving the whole labor movement towards the extreme left, and there is nothing we [the conservative unions] can do against it. In the end, we will have to swim with the stream, whether we like it or not."

The statement referred to the national congress of the metalworkers (IGM), which concluded in Munich on Oct. 15. While the Kohl government was announcing further austerity measures, the IGM delegates called for "labor resistance against capital and the government," and labeled the Kohl administration "comparable to Hitler."

The shift toward anarcho-syndicalism was also indicated by the fact that Stuttgart radical Franz Steinkuehler was elected deputy chairman of the union. Steinkuehler had just authorized his metalworkers' district of Baden-Württemberg to print and distribute 400,000 leaflets containing "the most complete and accurate map of all nuclear weapon sites in South-West Germany." The leaflet called upon workers to join the "peace movement" blockades of U.S. Army barracks during the mid-October "hot action week" of the peace movement.

Of West Germany's 8 million organized workers, 2.6 million are in the IGM. Outgoing chairman Eugen Loderer, who warned the metalworkers against "alliances with communists and anarchists," was booed by the majority of the delegates.

French general: 'Leave Germany to Soviets'

One of the reputed fathers of France's nuclear *force de frappe*, retired general François Gallois, used an interview with the Spanish publication *La Vanguardia* in mid-October to announce that he would have no objection to the Soviet Union's taking over West Germany!

Answering a question by the interviewer as to what France would do in case of a Soviet attack on West Germany, Gallois said: "We should not move one finger. Stay quiet. Let some time pass by to let the Soviets solve the German problem, while we are protecting France."

"I prefer to have the Soviet Army at the French borders, rather than risk the destruction of France," Gallois continued. Asked wouldn't this mean the end of NATO, he said that "One would have to leave Germany to the Soviets. There would be no other choice. And I also think that the military concepts of the Alliance are quite outmoded."

Andropov biographer: 'panic' over beam weapons

In his new book, *Andropov*, Russian emigré Ilya Zemtsov (now director of the Israeli Research Institute of Contemporary Society in Jerusalem) makes a remarkable statement: The only time that Yuri Andropov could not maintain his "peace-loving" facade was "when the American President announced a new nuclear strategy based on the development of laser weaponry."

After giving a detailed analysis of how Andropov—while attempting to act like a "liberal" at all times—controls the Western "peace movement" and aims at splitting Western Europe from the United States, Zemtsov describes the response to the March 23 initiative: "Andropov answered Reagan calmly, as always, but notes of panic could be clearly detected in his speech. He called the American President's actions and policies 'deceitful,' 'irresponsible,' 'crazy' and

'mad,' and used phrases reminiscent of the days of the cold war like 'unpardonable distortions,' 'illegal ploys,' 'deliberate lies,' and 'ceaseless rhetoric.' (*Pravda*, March, 27 1983)".

"It was on this occasion that the world could see the true Andropov exactly as he has always been and will always remain: a politician of the Soviet school, brazen, insolent, guided by no consideration other than the party doctrine and the interests of the Soviet state. . . . He avoids provoking the free world to a point at which it would be forced to resort to arms, but keeps strengthening the Soviet army to be ready for the opportune moment to destroy with impunity the existing relative balance of power in the world. It was precisely this policy design which received an unexpected setback when President Reagan announced his 15- to 20-year plan to set up work on laser weaponry for intercepting and destroying missiles in flight. . . . Hence Andropov's untypically unrestrained and hysterical reaction to Reagan's speech during a routine interview with a *Pravda* correspondent."

Zemtsov, who worked for several years as "court sociologist" in Soviet Azerbaijan under G. A. Aliyev (later promoted by Andropov to be First Deputy Prime Minister), considers Andropov the devil incarnate, because "he could smile at you or kill you with the same effort"—as when he was ambassador to Hungary, for example, he indulged in a rousing celebration with the Hungarian leadership, complete with gypsy music and scotch, a day or so before they were all put in jail with Andropov's help.

Soviets launch new Afghanistan offensive

Soviet forces in Afghanistan have launched a new series of offensives in at least seven provinces beginning Oct. 12. The offensives are reported to be extremely brutal—particularly the bombing by MiGs of the town of Istalef, which resulted in the destruction of 40 percent of the homes and much of the crops and infrastructure as well.

A European source told *EIR* that the Soviets' objectives were: "Drive out the non-combatant populations from the valleys where the 'Afghan resistance' operates; remove manpower from crop cultivation, so there will be less and less food to use; and increase the refugee burden on Pakistan."

Peronist candidate wants Argentine non-alignment

Italo Luder, the presidential candidate of Argentina's Peronist party, outlined his thinking on foreign policy on Oct. 18 to the Venezuelan newspaper *El Nacional*.

Luder emphasized that if elected he would follow Juan Perón's conception of a "third position" in foreign policy, with special emphasis on non-alignment. The idea of "ideological frontiers" has been rejected by Peronism, he said, adding that his government would seek "feasible associations to defend our interests." He promised to "recreate a relationship with all the governments of Ibero-America," something he said that the military junta had simply forgotten about. Luder pointed out that during the Malvinas war, Argentina had received the support of both the Non-Aligned movement and the Ibero-American governments, while the "Western, Christian" governments supported Great Britain. The military junta, he explained, had always denigrated the Ibero-American and Non-Aligned nations, even going to the extreme of calling them "tribal nations" at one point.

The Peronist candidate called on the nations of the advanced sector to recreate with the developing nations "a different kind of economic relationship. . . . Otherwise the crisis will be produced in the very centers of world economic power," adding that to change the current economic order "is in the interests of all sectors."

Most important, said Luder, is to leave behind the "doctrine of national security. . . because it has only been used by some autocratic governments on their own territory, converting the armed forces into an army of occupation."

Briefly

● **SAMUEL OCANA**, governor of the Mexican state of Sonora, managed a political coup during the state of the state address (*informe*) he gave on Oct. 13. Neighboring governor Antonio Toledo Corro of Sinaloa had refused to allow Sinaloa water to flow into Sonora—effectively sabotaging the Northwest Water Plan (PLHINO). When Ocana called on Toledo, in the middle of the *informe*, to agree to send excess water to Sonora for Sonoran peasants to be able to irrigate land, the applause was so intense and prolonged that Toledo was obliged to acquiesce on the spot.

● **OLOF PALME** became the first Swedish head of state to meet with the Pope in 450 years. It is said that the two talked about the blood-relationship between the old Polish Jagellonian dynasty and the Swedish nobility.

● **FRANÇOIS MITTERRAND**, visiting Belgium in mid-October, had this to say about the uproar over the deployment of American missiles in Western Europe: "I too am against the euromissiles" but, presently "Pacifism is in the West, and the euromissiles are in the East."

● **JORGE DIAZ SERRANO**, the former chief of Mexico's state oil company Pemex who is now under indictment on corruption charges, has confessed that his inspiration in politics was the Malthusian doomsday warnings of none other than Robert Strange McNamara.

● **PROMETHEUS BOUND** was performed before an audience of 70, ranging from students to diplomats, in Stockholm as part of a two-day conference of the Club of Life on Oct. 15-16. A theater professional remarked that he did not know of any previous performance of Aeschylus's great drama in Sweden.