

Uncover UNICEF links to child-sex/espionage ring

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The Belgian director of UNICEF, the United Nations' arm for the ostensible protection of children, was arrested June 18 for participating in an international pedophile ring which used UNICEF facilities to supply children to wealthy pedophiles. Belgium's UNICEF director, Josef Verbeeck, was only one among 12 individuals arrested in connection with this child pornography and procurement ring.

According to the Belgian police, the ring spans the at least 16 countries, where investigations are now beginning.

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UNICEF director Verbeeck was arrested as part of a crackdown on a child porn ring centered in the Brussels suburb of Ixelles, headquarters of the Center for Research and Information on Infants and Sexuality (French acronym CRIES). Already five years ago, the director of CRIES was arrested for using his high security job at the Belgian Ministry of Justice to procure and leak classified documents. Other CRIES members have been arrested for similar espionage activities.

For intelligence professionals, the combination of pedophilia and intelligence-gathering points to a likely Soviet involvement in the entire affair.

EIR has in the past published extensive documentation of another United Nations-centered, international pedophile network with documentable Soviet tracks. This is the case of WICCE, a U.N. organization which is the coordinating center of a self-avowed neo-pagan movement headquartered in Geneva, Moscow, and Rome. It was founded on the initiative of assistant U.N. secretary general Robert Mueller at the 1976 "Year of the Woman" conference in Brussels, Belgium.

In Moscow, WICCE operates out of the offices of the Soviet Women's Committee, under Galina Alexandreyevna. Studies by *EIR* of mass murder cases and countless international pedophile rings, which in the United States alone are responsible for victimizing as many as 400,000 children, have consistently turned up WICCE involvement.

The pedophile activities are used to provide Soviet and other friendly intelligence networks with lavish opportunities

for blackmail and espionage.

The involvement of UNICEF's Belgian organization with international pedophilia was uncovered when police conducted a sweep of UNICEF's headquarters June 18. According to a statement from a police spokesman, the sweep was motivated by a broader investigation, centered on the Brussels Center for Research and Information on Infants and Sexuality. Examination of the UNICEF building turned up evidence that the basement was used to store pornographic pictures of children. Evidently, a computer was used to distribute pictures of these children to a list of 400 "wealthy clients," who would choose sexual partners from among the children available.

As a result of these findings, the Belgian authorities arrested two UNICEF employees. The first was UNICEF's caretaker, Michel Falu, as well as its director, the 63-year-old Verbeeck. Formerly a journalist for a leading Belgian, Flemish-language daily, Verbeeck had used his UNICEF position to procure children, often from broken homes, for his international clientele. Since UNICEF is the best-known "child help" agency in the world, it was doubtless easy for Verbeeck and his associates to procure large numbers of young ones for sexual exploitation.

According to the Belgian police, names of infants as young as 8 months in age were found in the UNICEF basement computer that stored the children available internationally to pedophiles.

Verbeeck, however, was not operating in isolation. According to reports published June 20 in the Italian daily *Il Messaggero*, the investigation into the UNICEF-linked international pedophile ring extends to Holland, Great Britain, France, and Switzerland. Among those arrested apart from Verbeeck and Falu, there were eight other Belgians, plus one Swiss and one Dutch citizen.

The hub of the entire network, where at least one arrest was made already last March, is apparently the cited CRIES organization. Under the guise of studying so-called infant sexuality, CRIES and its affiliate offices in Switzerland and France gained access to children whom, authorities believe, it used to service pedophiles in about 15 countries. These include most of Western Europe, the United States, Canada,

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Japan, and two African countries. CRIES is also the link which ties the pedophile activities of this network to illicit intelligence operations.

It was investigations into the CRIES network which led authorities to UNICEF. Another trail led across the border to the Netherlands, where police found a photographic laboratory stocked with thousands of feet of pornographic film.

CRIES was founded by one Philippe Carpentier, a former functionary of the Belgian Justice Ministry arrested five years ago for leaking secret documents. Carpentier's high security position at the ministry was that of translator of documents from the so-called "Trevi Group." This refers to an interministerial body, involving Western interior and justice minis-

tries, that coordinates intelligence and police work in the battle against terrorism.

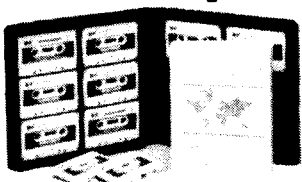
Carpentier passed that intelligence over to terrorist networks. In at least one instance, he passed documents from the files of the Belgian vice squad to the leftist magazine *Pour*. He also passed on a secret report of Interpol-Wiesbaden on the German Red Army Fraction terrorist gang.

For these and related activities, Carpentier was jailed five years ago. However, his job at the ministry was handed over to another CRIES figure, Michel de Cree. Why and how this outrageous breach of security occurred is still to be investigated. In any case, what is known is that de Cree predictably continued Carpentier's intelligence activities. For this, he himself was arrested in March of this year.

According to Belgian sources consulted by *EIR*, their job in the Ministry of Justice had given Carpentier and de Cree—who were simultaneously involved in child-pornography procurement activities—access to some of the most sensitive information passing over the diplomatic and bureaucratic tables of Europe. The full dimensions of the security threat to the West which all this implies can, at present, barely be imagined.

Meanwhile, the investigations are continuing. There has even been some talk that the names of the 400 high-ranking pedophiles found in the UNICEF computer may be released to the public.

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