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Moscow's Falin hails German reunification

Soviet foreign policy adviser on Germany Valentin Falin, a former ambassador to Bonn, hailed German unity as portending for Europe "the most constructive era in its existence."

In an interview with *Pravda* published Aug. 20, Falin declared that with unification, Germany will "return to a qualitatively new level in world politics," then added: "If everything proceeds as the Germans have pledged, and the entire potential of this powerful state is used for the good of mankind, if from German soil, only peace and never again war is launched, thus will Europe, with the German question solved on this basis, enter into the most constructive era of its existence."

Falin added, "The last war in Europe has already occurred. It was called the Cold War, but was in reality the Third World War."

'Greenhouse effect' exposed as a fraud

A few dissident voices in Britain are expressing alarm about the environmentalists' "greenhouse effect" and "global warming" hoaxes. These voices represent a potentially important flank against the mainstream of British policy associated with the Thatcher government.

On Aug. 12, Britain's Channel 4 television ran a feature entitled "The Greenhouse Conspiracy," which exposed the "greenhouse effect/global warming" issue as a fraud, concocted or encouraged in significant part by researchers eager to get research grants by coming up with new "disasters." The show has already produced howls of protest from scientists associated with the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change, the World Meteorological Office, and related groups, with various scientists reportedly considering taking libel actions against the show.

The broadcast was put together by Hilary Lawson, who authored a two-page feature in the *Sunday Times* of London Aug. 12, under the title, "Conspiracy in the air?" Lawson poked fun at those Britons who are susceptible to believing in "global warming" because of the recent heat wave in the U.K.: "Publicity given to the greenhouse effect encourages us to explain every baking day as a consequence of global warming.

... There is only one problem: the mounting evidence that it is not true."

Lawson wrote that certain scientists in need of research funds, especially in areas like climatology, have attracted backing by predicting an apocalypse. He notes: "Fifteen years ago, the apocalypse was not global warming but global cooling. Many scientists who are now championing global warming were, just over a decade ago, predicting a forthcoming ice age."

U.S., Britain to 'put the lid' on Lockerbie

The intent of the Bush and Thatcher governments to work with Hafez al-Assad's Syria against Iraq will mean putting the lid on the Lockerbie air disaster of 1988, Britain's *Private Eye* magazine reports. The British government had once publicly boasted that it knew that a gang of Middle East terrorists based in Syria had planted the bomb that blew up the Pan Am jet; but now, Thatcher and Bush agreed to "put the shutters up over Lockerbie," and when one British minister tried to get a public judicial inquiry going, he was "quickly snubbed by Thatcher."

According to the magazine, one reason for this "strange silence" is that the Syrian terrorists were either being used by Western intelligence, or were running drugs via civilian airlines, or both. "Now, however, a new dimension is added to the need for silence. The Syrian gang named repeatedly by the newspapers is known to be close to the Syrian government. The strategy of the British and American governments in the Gulf is to isolate Iraq's Saddam Hussein from other Arab leaders and, in this matter, President Assad of Syria is crucial and equivocal. He

is less easy to 'bend' than, say, the Saudi monarchy or Mubarak of Egypt, and diplomatic relations with him (abruptly cut off only recently) must be restored and fostered. One result will be that as a fatal accident inquiry starts in Scotland, the families of the Lockerbie victims will be kept even more bleakly in the dark."

Soup kitchens are opened in Bulgaria

The first soup kitchens since World War II have opened in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia, testifying to the severity of what Bulgarians are calling the worst socio-economic crisis in the country's modern history.

The soup kitchens were opened in mid-August by Bulgaria's independent trade unions, as one desperate response to the country's worst food shortages since the war, and, as trade union leaders are stressing, "in preparation for what will be a hard winter." The only food available in the state shops of Sofia is butter, margarine, and bread. All other food items are procurable only on the private or the black market, at very high prices.

This crisis has forced the Bulgarian Socialist Party (the "former" Communist Party) to oust President Petar Mladenov of the BSP in July, and on Aug. 1 install Zhelyu Zhelev of the Opposition Union of Democratic Forces as Bulgaria's new President. The opening up of an all-party government of "national unity" is seen as the only possibility of postponing a political explosion with unpredictable consequences. The Aug. 1 parliamentary vote chose the former interior minister and chief of the General Staff, Gen. Atanas Semerdjiev, as vice president.

Ariel Sharon makes Nazi-like demands

Israeli Housing Minister Ariel Sharon has called for the immediate expulsion from the Israeli occupied territories and Jerusalem of Arabs who have been linked to the Intifada

(Palestinian uprising). Sharon spoke at a meeting of the Likud party's defense and foreign affairs committee in mid-August, according to the *Jerusalem Post*.

"We must order the Army to liquidate [the Intifada] . . . not to calm it down," he said, "not to moderate it, not to make things tolerable so that life can go on—but just one word, 'liquidate,' and deport the leadership." Sharon said that he had the names of 150 Palestinians, mostly living in Jerusalem, who are guiding the uprising. He has been calling for their deportation for two and half years. "Whoever cannot do the job should step down," Sharon told the committee.

In response to Sharon's "liquidation" call, Knesset member Yossi Sarid denounced him for "dangerously and cynically exploiting blood and pain in his usual ugly and reprehensible way," by "pouring oil on the fire to curry favor with the mob gone wild, when supreme responsibility was called for from the country's leadership."

Catholic paper exposes Prince Philip's kookery

"Like all greenies, the Duke of Edinburgh hates man above all, and he would like him to disappear or to be drastically reduced," wrote Vittorio Missori in the newspaper of the Italian Catholic Bishops Conference paper *Avvenire* on Aug. 12. Missori is a respected Vatican theologian and historian close to the group of Cardinal Ratzinger.

About Prince Philip, the president of the World Wide Fund for Nature, Messori writes: "The WWF, the most powerful and richest environmentalist organization in the world, was created by Prince Philip, the husband of the British queen, and by Prince Bernhard of Holland. Within its leadership there are some among the most important oilmen, industrialists, and financiers on the planet. Prince Philip is a very peculiar person, for years in a fight with Edward Duke of Kent, to take over the most prestigious and influential Masonic post of all continents: that of Grand Master of the Grand Mother Lodge of England. After the fight was won by the Duke of Kent, Philip, while

remaining a very high and active dignitary of Masonry, combined this 'cover' engagement with the more open one of the WWF."

Concerning Philip's hatred for the human race, Messori quotes his statement to the German press agency DPA on Aug. 8, 1988: "If I were to be born again, I would like to be a deadly virus, to help in the solution of the overpopulation problem." Messori comments: "In fact, the prince has often repeated that the true ecological problem is the fact that in the Third World there are more births than deaths."

Lebanese troops deployed to Iraq?

According to a source linked to the Lebanese Forces, Gen. Michel Aoun has dispatched a token contingent of Lebanese Army troops to Iraq as a show of support for Saddam Hussein. The source characterized the move as a significant departure from the general's recent apparent accommodation with Syrian President Hafez al-Assad and the Syrian occupation forces in Lebanon.

Following the Arab League summit early in August, where Syria gave its support to the U.S. deployment of military forces into Saudi Arabia, Aoun reportedly tilted back to his earlier cooperation with Saddam Hussein. The token troop deployment was, if the source report is accurate, a symbol of that policy shift. Other Lebanese sources have denied the Army mission to Baghdad.

The Lebanese Forces, under Dr. Samir Geagea, are the Christian faction battling with Aoun's forces in East Beirut and surrounding areas. They have reportedly adopted a low-key position in the Gulf crisis. The Forces' leaders reportedly reason that if the U.S. forces an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, this will represent an important precedent for demanding a Syrian pull-out from Lebanon. On the other hand, if Saddam Hussein survives the showdown, Syria's President Assad will be weakened within the Arab world and unable to consolidate his power grab for Lebanon. Significant pro-Iraqi popular upsurges have already been reported in Syria.

Briefly

● **THE AFGHAN** mujahideen are beginning to feel the pinch on the tightened supply of arms to their forces, according to the Pakistan daily *The Muslim*. "The stocks of Stinger missiles had been exhausted and the very few that might have been left with them were being used very sparingly." The failure of the mujahideen to capture Jalalabad after protracted warfare and the failure of the Tanai coup have also advanced demoralization with the ranks.

● **A CRUCIAL ASPECT** in the duping of Iraq's Saddam Hussein to launch his invasion of Kuwait was the arrival in Iraq several months ago of senior members of the Stasi, the former East German intelligence service, according to a European analyst. He referred to them as part of the "camarilla" of former Stasi chief Markus Wolf. They are reportedly active in psychological warfare activities, including setting up radio stations that broadcast warnings to U.S. troops that they are facing "another Vietnam."

● **ARGENTINE** Foreign Minister Domingo Cavallo announced Aug. 16 that exiled Kuwaiti Emir Jeber Ahmed Sabah has requested that Argentina send naval forces to help with the blockade of Iraq. Although the Emir made a similar request to other Ibero-American countries, only Argentina gave a positive response. President Carlos Menem is slavishly supporting the Anglo-Americans, who set up Argentina and then smashed it in the Malvinas War eight years ago.

● **AN ISRAELI ARAB** member of the Israeli Knesset, Abdel Wahab Darawshe, has offered to mediate between Iraq and Israel, and praised Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's diplomatic initiative for linking the various occupations in the region as "a good and serious basis for negotiation." Darawshe left the Israeli Labour Party soon after the start of the Palestinian Intifada, to form a new Arab Democratic Party.