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British to sell part of Malvinas Islands

The Falkland Islands Company, the colonial enterprise which controls the Malvinas Islands in the South Atlantic, intends to sell four farms with a total of 3,230 cubic meters of land, or one-fourth of the territorial extension of the islands, according to the London *Financial Times*.

In 1982, Argentina's attempt to reestablish sovereignty over the islands, which had been illegally seized by Britain in 1833, led to war between the two nations. Today, the Anglo United consortium, owned by the Falkland Islands Company, is assuring residents of the islands that in no case would the land be sold to "undesirable" bidders, even if these offered a high price. Presumably such "undesirables" would include Argentines.

Uproar in Brazil over sterilization campaign

Seven and a half million Brazilian women have been sterilized, according to the British daily the *Guardian* of Feb. 5. It writes, "Although sterilization is illegal in Brazil unless the mother's life is at risk, at least 7.5 million women have had the operation in recent years. Official statistics show that 70% of women in the 15-54 age group use birth control, and of these 45% have been sterilized. Many are in their twenties, some in their teens."

Brazilian Health Minister Alcení Guerri gave an interview to the Brazilian weekly *Istoe* published on Jan. 31, in which he stated, according to the *Guardian's* report, that "among the organizations financing the unofficial program carried out by private Brazilian clinics are the International Planned Parenthood Federation, the Population Council, the International Federation for Family Life Promotion, the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, the World Bank, and other multilateral agencies. Between 1985 and 1989, \$32 million was donated to Bra-

zilian agencies for birth control. As a result, Brazil's annual rate of population increase has declined from over 3% to 1.7% in 1990, according to the minister."

A Health Ministry pediatrician, Antonio Marcio Lisboa, was ordered to investigate. He and the National Academy of Medicine deny that there has been any "foreign plot" against Brazil's population growth, *Istoe* stresses.

The Church-linked Pro-Life Association, on the other hand, charges that the foreign-funded programs have twisted Brazilian morals and encouraged the idea "that we should reduce population and legalize abortion," as if economic development problems were a result of the number of children.

The *Guardian* also reports charges by Aurelio Molina, a Brazilian gynecologist, that the international organizations finance birth control programs because they see large populations as a threat to their supply of cheap raw materials from the Third World and as a threat to the environment.

Soviet general sees U.S. 'crushing defeat'

Army Gen. Viktor Filatov, the editor of the Soviet *Military-Historical Journal* and a supporter of the Soyuz group of military and other hardline figures, has gone on an international campaign against the Gulf war, obviously with top-level backing. The U.S. will confront a "crushing defeat," he said, according to the Italian newspaper *Avvenire* of Feb. 2. The war will turn into "a new Vietnam" but worse than the first one, according to the Soviet historian.

On Feb. 6, he gave a joint press conference in Moscow with Iraqi Ambassador Ghafil Yasim Hussein. The Americans miscalculated the strength of the Iraqis and will lose the war, he said. The U.S. was forced to pull in three times as many bombers as originally planned. "The fact that the Americans are using their B-52 bombers, documents the failure of their most modern military technology. The present war level

is comparable to the Vietnam war. If the Iraqis hold out another five weeks, the war level will reach that of World War II."

Filatov charged President Bush and Secretary of State Baker with offering substantial dollar payments for the withdrawal of Soviet military advisers from Iraq and for information about the level of Iraqi defense and weapons technology. The Soviet Army refused to cooperate, he said, refusing as well as to join the Gulf coalition military forces. "I don't know a single unit in the entire Soviet Army that would fight in this war on the side of the Western allies," Filatov concluded.

In an interview published in the Mexican daily *Excelsior* on Feb. 6, Filatov said that war could have been avoided. "The U.S. proposed to Iraq a European-type war, but the Iraqi army is carrying out an Asian-type war," he said. "Asian wars have behind them so much politics, much philosophy. European ones, in contrast, are distinguished for the application of technology. . . . Iraq is acquiring more friends with every day that passes."

Saudi religious council in critique of regime

Diplomatic sources report that a significant group of the Saudi Ulema, the supreme religious council, has issued an unprecedented critique of the regime of the Saud family.

The religious leaders are from the western part of Saudi Arabia, the Hejaz, where the holy places, Mecca and Medina, are located. The most scholarly and theological elements of the Ulema are thought to come from that area.

In a letter to King Fahd, 40 members of the Ulema demand a reform of Saudi society and the corrupt justice system, control over the executive, women's rights, and the creation of a legislative assembly.

It is widely believed that this is a direct reflection of the concern over how the Saud family is losing its legitimacy as the keepers of the holy places of Islam, because of its role in bringing U.S. troops to Saudi Arabia

and conducting a war against another Muslim nation.

This view is bolstered by the report of a Muslim source in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 7, that the Saudis "want a ground war before Ramadan." Ramadan, a month of fasting and prayer, begins on March 17. According to the source, it is also a time of peace: If you are carrying on a war, according to Islamic law, you are justified in continuing only if you are defending yourself. If the war against Iraq continues through Ramadan, Saddam Hussein would be justified in fighting, but not the Saudis or any other Islamic countries in the coalition. Breaking that rule could be the final blow to the legitimacy of the Saud family.

Forty days after Ramadan, around the third week in May, begins the Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca. According to Islamic law, Muslims from all countries must have the right to come to the holy places. If war continues during that period, this would be a serious blow to the house of Saud.

European KGB men given promotions

The *Financial Times* of London on Feb. 4 reported a reshuffle in the KGB command structure. Two KGB counterintelligence men, who had been stationed in Europe, have been brought back to Moscow, where they have been placed directly under KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov.

Gen. Viktor Grushkov, who becomes first deputy chairman of the KGB, had been instrumental in the 1980s in running penetration of the European Community.

Grushkov is replaced as head of the First Chief Directorate by Gen. Gennadi Titov, who had run KGB operations in the early 1980s from East Germany, which was the center for Western Europe, particularly the U.K., Ireland, and Sweden. Titov was the controller of Norwegian spy Arne Treholt during the 1970s and early 1980s, and the immediate superior of East German intelligence chief Markus Wolf.

The reshuffle is an apparent demotion of Brezhnev-era holdovers Gen. Philip Bobkov and Vladimir Pirosov, both of whom are moving into other posts outside the KGB.

Alksnis: Soviet Union needs martial law

The Soviet Union needs martial law to stop civil war, Col. Viktor Alksnis, spokesman for the Soviet Soyuz group, told the Moscow correspondent for Denmark's *Politiken*, in an exclusive interview published on Feb. 10.

Alksnis, who is sometimes called the "Black Colonel," continued, "We already have civil war in some parts of the Soviet Union. This will spread soon and drag the entire country in and ultimately affect Europe as well, unless these developments are stopped now. We can only stop this by implementing martial law as quickly as possible. Parliament must be dissolved. All parties, including the *Communist Party*, must be forbidden. The Committees of National Salvation should take power with the Army and KGB helping them to stabilize, first and foremost, the economy.

"The Army especially must play 'first violin' in a period of martial law which can last up to five years. We expect that industrial production in the first quarter alone will drop 20-30%. When we have our market economy established, when all people are sufficiently fed and have shoes and clothing, then we can begin to relax controls and allow more talk about democracy. Democracy will follow the process of the 'market' economy. But in the transition during martial law, all political activity must be forbidden."

When asked if he feared world opinion, he replied that he did not. "When they understand that the chaos in our land will threaten the entire world, they will accept everything we do in order to avoid themselves being hit by the chaos. No one is going to interfere. In the Baltic states it is already *too late* regarding civil war."

● **FILM FOOTAGE** shown around the world, of dying birds being hatched into the Gulf oil slick, is fake, French television charges. The films shown by the Cable News Network were from a small oil spill off the Saudi coast in May 1983, according to the report, which also notes that eggs of the type shown are not hatched before late spring in the Gulf, despite the fact that CNN showed a bird being hatched and drowned by oil.

● **BRAZILIAN** television on Feb. 6 announced the Army's publication of a translation of the book *Modern Irregular Warfare*, by Gen. Friedrich-August von der Heydte. The publishing house of the Brazilian Army Library printed 10,000 copies of the book, which includes an introduction by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. The edition mentions that author's rights were granted by *EIR*.

● **SOVIET MILITARY** men demanded official support for Iraq, during a meeting with Arab ambassadors in Moscow the first week in February. Stanislav Korolev of the military institute of the Ministry of Defense proclaimed: "We signed a treaty with Iraq to fight against imperialism and Zionism. Now our mouths are closed, and we are not allowed to remind ourselves of that treaty."

● **THE SOVIET NEWS** agency Novosti reports that more than 10,000 Soviet citizens have written to the Iraqi ambassador to Moscow, volunteering to fight for Iraq.

● **THE LAST CONGRESS** of the Italian Communist Party ended in Rimini on Feb. 4. The PCI was officially dissolved, and the new Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) was born. But the new party was unable to elect its general secretary: The only candidate, former PCI secretary Achille Occhetto, did not reach the two-thirds majority required.