

International News

Court finds Greenpeace lied about seal hunting

A court in Oslo recently acquitted film-maker Magnus Gudmundsson of libel against Greenpeace for his film "Survival in the North," which exposes Greenpeace's lying campaign against seal-hunting, according to the June 10 bulletin of Putting People First. One of the points the court found was that Greenpeace fabricated film footage in an anti-seal-hunting film.

Gudmundsson was acquitted of all seven counts of libel. However, the court deemed null and void four points made in the film, including a comment made by Danish journalist Lief Blaedel that Greenpeace "engaged in swindle and deceit." Gudmundsson is appealing these four points.

Greenpeace announced that it was fully satisfied with the verdict even though the court confirmed that the organization knowingly made false statements that hunters skinned seals alive.

French Anglophiles hail Queen's visit

The "good old 'Entente Cordiale'" between Britain and France is recalled in the lead editorial on June 9 in *Le Figaro*, on the occasion of the arrival in France of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, for a four-day state visit, headlined "Vive la Reine!"

Author Thierry Desjardins ridicules those who assert that Europe of the year 2000 will be constructed around a "Paris-Bonn axis." Of course, he comments sarcastically, there is much to be happy about in the recent Franco-German reconciliation, but "it would not be good to forget that, throughout the course of this century, the British and the French often found themselves on the same side, when things were becoming a bit rotten. . . . Whether one wants it or not, Europe will only work with London, Bonn, and Paris, France, having as its vocation to serve as a link between the British and the Germans, as well as to serve as a link between northern Europe and Medi-

terranean Europe."

On June 10, Queen Elizabeth II was hosted by Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac at the Hotel de Ville. As the London *Independent* noted the next day, the Hotel de Ville was where Britain's King Edward VII signed the Entente Cordiale with the French in 1903.

In her statement, Edward VII's granddaughter stressed that the Entente Cordiale had stood the tests of the 20th century, without formal commitments: "The Entente Cordiale was not intended as a formal treaty with legal obligations or commitments. It worked as an informal point of reference, a reminder of all that our countries have in common, and an earnest expression of our determination to stand together."

As *EIR's* readers are aware, Lyndon LaRouche has pointed to the "Entente Cordiale" as having ultimately led to World War I.

Israeli paper blasts Rio as 'bombastic happening'

"The Earth Summit Farce," is the title of the lead editorial in the *Jerusalem Post* June 3, which agrees with those who characterized the gathering in Rio as "the witchcraft summit." The *Post* warns that the environmentalist movement "has been taken over by Luddites, coercive utopians, mindless bureaucrats, and New Left types who have changed their bankrupt Red passports to Green. . . . That such unrealistic, grandiose and mostly unnecessary programs have polluted real environmental concerns is nothing short of tragic. If anything, the doomsday scenarios conjured by fanatic environmentalists—such as scare forecasts of ozone layer depletion and global warming—only serve to destroy the credibility of pragmatic environmentalists. Those who would sacrifice the welfare of humans for the sake of preserving a subspecies of an obscure snail are enemies of progress. They will not improve the world's environment. They will cause poverty and death."

The *Post* continues: "The facts do not support most of the sham environmentalists' theories. The Earth is not warming. The use

of fossil fuels does not cause Earth temperatures to rise, nor does sulfur dioxide." NASA's claims about the ozone hole's enlargement "have proved baseless. Ozone measuring is far too young a science for any such predictions. . . . What the real pollution problems need is sober attention, not a bombastic 'happening' in a carnival atmosphere."

It concludes, after an unfortunate endorsement of the U.S. Clean Air Act: "What the world needs is not Green hysteria abetted by ego-tripping millionaires, but democratization and free-market industrialization."

Terrorists threaten EIR Lima bureau

The offices of EIR News Service in Lima, Peru were the object of a terrorist threat, on June 5. The door of the elevator on the floor where the offices are located, was painted with the hammer and sickle insignia of the narco-terrorist gang Shining Path.

The incident took place in the midst of a bloody escalation of terrorist incidents in Lima. Also on June 5, a Peruvian television station was bombed, in a terrorist attack that resulted in the death of a journalist and other station employees, including several security guards. Dozens of people were wounded and over \$50 million in damage was caused when 600 kilos of dynamite aboard a stolen truck exploded in front of the station. Earlier, the television station had received numerous threats for its favorable reports on the recent intensification of the anti-terrorist campaign by the Peruvian government.

A spokesman for EIRNS said that the terrorist threat against the Lima bureau offices, occurred following documentation in *EIR's* Spanish-language publication *Resumen Ejecutivo de EIR* of the fact that the U.S. government is implementing a strategy that paves the way for the bloody Shining Path communists to take power. In fact, according to the spokesman, organizations under the control of the United States, such as the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights of the Organization of American States, have visited Peru several times since

October 1991 without once condemning the atrocities committed by the narco-terrorists. Instead, during their first trip, the OAS commissioners met with Shining Path's number-two man, Osman Morote, in his prison cell, and held similar meetings with the two most infamous imprisoned Peruvian drug traffickers, "to assess the human rights situation in Peru." These meetings were nothing but an apology for the genocidal war being waged by Sendero against Peru, said the spokesman. Not surprisingly, he added, the very next day after some Peruvian journalists denounced the Inter-American Human Rights Commission stance in favor of Shining Path, the bomb squad had to be called to disarm a device left on the doorstep of their news organization.

Syria may suspend Taif Accords on Lebanon

An unnamed Syrian official, who is part of the Middle East negotiating team, raised the possibility of Syria suspending the Taif Accords in an exclusive interview appearing in the June 11 issue of *Washington Jewish Week*. Under the Taif Accords, Syria is bound to withdraw its forces in Lebanon to the Bekaa Valley by September. According to the Syrian official, this would not be possible so long as Israeli air raids and actions continue.

The official said: "The Syrian troops in Lebanon are at the disposal of the Lebanese government. When the Lebanese Army is strong enough, maybe there won't be a need for the Syrian troops. When Israel's attacks on Lebanon stop—but these attacks are not stopping, so the Lebanese Army needs Syria's help."

Protesters in Moscow demand: 'Free LaRouche'

Twenty-five demonstrators picketed the American Embassy in Moscow on June 12, carrying signs that demanded freedom for jailed economist and presidential candidate

Lyndon LaRouche. It was the first public demonstration on behalf of LaRouche's freedom ever reported in Russia. The demonstrators also denounced the policies of the International Monetary Fund, George Bush, and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar, the IMF's strong advocate in Russia.

The demonstration for LaRouche's freedom was addressed by E. Novotvorskaya, a well-known human rights activist who leads the Democratic Society. Russian journalists interviewed demonstrators, while an American cameraman was observed videotaping the picket line. Representatives from the demonstration delivered material on the LaRouche case to embassy personnel, including the internationally circulated leaflet from the May 15, 1992 Day of Action for LaRouche.

Dispute stalls reopening of Sino-Vietnam border

A dispute has delayed the reopening of the rail link between Hanoi and Beijing, Vietnamese officials told Reuters on June 12. Last month Vietnam accused China of violating its sovereignty by signing a contract with a U.S. oil firm to exploit part of the disputed Spratly archipelago in the South China Sea.

The road border was officially reopened on April 1 after the two countries normalized relations last November. The Vietnamese had hoped the old rail link to Beijing would be reopened on June 1. Now Vietnamese border officials say they will stop even small traders from crossing beginning June 15 unless their Chinese counterparts comply with agreements on customs formalities. Capt. Tran Van Thong, deputy chief of the border station at Friendship Pass, said that on May 13, Chinese workers began building a railway signal box 500 meters inside Vietnamese territory and on May 27 started rebuilding the road link 200 meters beyond the point Vietnam considers the frontier line. He said Vietnam had protested to China.

Briefly

● **LYNDON LAROCHE** commented on the marital troubles at Buckingham Palace on June 13, and some proposals should Princess Diana and Prince Charles divorce. "It has been suggested by no more a person . . . than author Anthony Burgess that a remedy might be possibly that the son of the divorced union . . . might become William V. Now, I must say that is really no solution at all. After all, William I, who acquired the throne in A.D. 1066, was in fact an illegal immigrant to England. Not a good start at all for a young boy!"

● **TARIQ AZIZ**, Iraq's foreign minister, called on the U.N. to lift sanctions against his nation at the Rio summit on June 10. Aziz described the environmental destruction from the U.S.-led allied bombardment during the Gulf war. "The decisive solution to ward off the dangers of disease and pollution in Iraq lies in the lifting of the comprehensive blockade imposed upon our people," he said.

● **GEORGIA'S** Vice President Yoseliani survived a bomb attack on his car on June 13. He was injured, but apparently not severely. The authors and motives for the attack are unknown. The attack on Yoseliani is the latest of numerous bomb attacks against leading figures in Georgia as well as against the transport grid, power stations, army posts, and administration buildings.

● **THE ARAB LEAGUE** backed Palestine Liberation Organization charges that a Mossad hit team killed PLO official Atef Bseiso in a resolution passed in Cairo June 10, and called "on the international community to take the necessary measures that can put an end to Israeli terrorism."

● **'GEORGE BUSH, The Unauthorized Biography'** is being serialized in Italian by the Italian Catholic monthly *Chiesa Viva*, in Brescia, the home town of the late Pope Paul VI. The forthcoming, 700-page exposé is by *EIR* contributors Webster Tarpley and Anton Chaitkin.