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Russia vows to renew role in Ibero-America

Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Gregory Karasin suggested in a press briefing on March 15 that Russia intends to become a player again in Ibero-America, even militarily. Offering Russian support for "the strengthening of democracy, law and order, and the resolution of disputes exclusively by political means," Karasin said that Moscow "welcomes" the renewal of peace talks between the Guatemalan government and the URNG terrorists, as a step "to consolidate the peace process in that country and in Latin America as a whole." Karasin noted that "significant efforts" by "the international community" will be needed to get a settlement in Guatemala.

An International Moscow Radio reporter later raised the possibility of a Russian combat deployment in Ibero-America. The reporter asked Karasin about accounts in the media that, during his meeting with Navy officers in Vladivostok, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, "speaking about the responsibility of Navy men and diplomats, said that seamen have to be ready for combat operations, perhaps in Latin America." Karasin suggested that the reporter had not quoted the media reports accurately. "Apparently, the minister had in mind a possible friendly visit by Russian vessels to one or several Latin American countries," Karasin stated.

Netanyahu calls for toppling Rabin

Benjamin Netanyahu, the leader of Israel's Likud party, called for the ouster of the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in a speech in Tel Aviv on March 16. Addressing thousands of Israelis who rallied in support of Jewish settlers and settlements, Netanyahu said: "To the government ministers who with insufferable ease talk about evacuating Hebron, I say if we do not have a right to be in Hebron, we do not have a

right to be anywhere in this land. . . . A government like this must be brought down . . . must be changed at the first opportunity. . . . We will fight for the heart of our land."

Citing police estimates, Reuters reported that about 40,000 people were at the rally.

"Mr. Clinton, Mr. Rabin, there is no force in the world that will move us from these places," said Rehavam Zeevi, head of the far-right Moledet party. "We will continue to pray at the Temple Mount, the Western Wall, and the Cave of the Patriarchs," he told the crowd.

Rabbi Moshe Levinger, founder of the Hebron settlement, went so far as to blame Rabin for the massacre of Arab worshippers at the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron on Feb. 25. Rabin "caused bloodshed, he caused the killing of Jews, he caused the killing of Arabs," said Levinger.

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir also got into the act, imploring Rabin to stop talking to the "murderer" Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat.

LaRouche prediction on Chiapas featured in Peru

Journalist Agustin Figueroa devoted his column in the Lima daily *Ojo* of March 6 to "the strange prediction" that appeared in a November 1992 issue of *Solidaridad Iberoamericana*, the Spanish-language voice of Lyndon LaRouche's movement in Ibero-America. An article signed by Gretchen Small and Carlos Méndez charged the "Anglo-American elites" with sponsoring a Shining Path North in Mexico, a full year ahead of the Jan. 1, 1994 Zapatista uprising in Chiapas.

Figueroa says that while the Small/Méndez article may not be altogether "objective," still, "with incredible precision, the article says: 'The operation views Guatemala and southeastern Mexico as a single territory where 'indigenism' can be used as an instrument of class struggle. . . . The journalists at LaRouche's service go to the ex-

trême of accusing Rigoberta Menchú of representing narco-terrorist groups, and not 'Ibero-American Indians,' but this bold assertion does not take away from the truth" of their Chiapas prediction.

Canada's defense policy for the new world order

A blue ribbon panel of private experts released a report in March on the results of a 10-month study on reform of Canadian defense policy for the post-Cold War era. The study, titled "Canada and Common Security in the 21st Century," was entirely financed by private funding from a panoply of foundations, which created the Canada 21 Council for this specific task. One of the main authors of the report is Maurice Strong, a malthusian and environmentalist spokesman for the United Nations' "new world order."

The report claims that the main threats to Canadian and world security will be coming from the South instead of the East, and that Canadian defense policy should be reformed from that standpoint. Third World poverty, overpopulation, mass migration, environmental degradation, and small-scale wars will constitute the bulk of new threats to security.

The report recommends that Canada reduce its financial and military participation in NATO—in particular, that its \$100 million annual contribution to the infrastructure of NATO be abolished; that the Armed Forces purchases of heavy tanks, anti-submarine capability, and air-to-ground attack fighters be eliminated; that two-thirds of the Air Force's CF-18 fighter jets be demobilized; and that the number of civilian personnel be reduced and the number of soldiers be increased, to allow the country to contribute 2,500 troops to the permanent U.N. military force that U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali is trying to establish, as well as to deploy another 3,500 troops to U.N. peacekeeping operations.

The group suggests that Canada increase technological transfers to the Third World

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in the domain of environmental protection, and that northern countries reduce their consumption of natural resources. The report also recommends that the Canadian International Development Agency concentrate its efforts on the development of human resources. In order to fight poverty in the Third World, it says that Canada has to open its markets to products coming from those countries, and that it has to work to abolish international commercial rules that are detrimental to the Third World.

The report was released right at the beginning of a parliamentary debate on Canada's foreign policy. It was described as "very thought-provoking" by Defense Minister David Collenette.

Veteran Middle East expert Jon Kimche dies

On March 9, Mideast specialist Jon Kimche died in Britain after a protracted illness, at the age of 84. For several decades, he was one of the most prolific writers on Middle East affairs. While a committed Zionist, he often got into controversy with the more fanatical Zionist elements for his iconoclastic and independent approaches to various issues, and his willingness to open up channels of discussion for Arab writers and political figures. In the period leading up to his death, he was a strong supporter of the Israel-PLO accord, especially the economic-cooperation protocols of it.

Even if many of his views differed strongly from those of Lyndon LaRouche and associates—and his brother David, a top "former" Mossad official and former director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, operates to a significant extent in the Shaul Eisenberg-Tiny Rowland wheeler-and-dealer circuit—Jon Kimche had, for the better part of a decade, kept up a friendly exchange of views with *EIR*. In recent months, as the crisis in Russia and the Middle East deepened, he often expressed agreement with LaRouche's opposition to the International Monetary Fund shock therapy, and expressed interest in LaRouche's "dirigist" alternatives. Kimche often pro-

vided *EIR* with useful insights and leads on developments in the Middle East region. One such discussion took place only two days before his death. In that discussion, he agreed with LaRouche's assessment that those forces, centered in the Hollinger Corp. and related interests, who were trying to destabilize the Israel-PLO accord, were identical to those seeking to destroy the Clinton presidency.

His quality of insight will be missed, particularly in a region where irrationality and fanaticism too often prevail.

Germany's 'Dr. Death' convicted on technicality

Henning Atrott, the former president of the German Society for a Humane Death (DGHS), was sentenced on Feb. 14 by a local court in Augsburg, Germany to two years on probation and a DM 40,000 fine. Atrott, the German version of Michigan's Jack Kevorkian, could only be convicted of tax evasion and illegal trade with cyanide, since "assistance to commit suicide" is not illegal under German law.

Atrott had been arrested on Jan. 25, 1993 in a hotel in Hamburg, while selling cyanide pills to a prospective victim. German law forbids sale or distribution of cyanide. Although it has long been known that the DGHS has been selling cyanide, Atrott had always denied it.

The judge said that Atrott has to be viewed as being extremely greedy, since he earned about DM 400,000 by selling people single cyanide pills for as much as DM 3,000, while the production cost is about DM 0.30. "He knew what he was doing was wrong," the judge said.

In the meantime, the new head of the DGHS announced that they will continue assisting people to commit suicide. They have translated a Scottish brochure with all the relevant tips and drugs named. Since politicians in Germany do not want to change the law and declare suicide assistance as a criminal act, the DGHS is quite optimistic that by next year they will receive official tax-exempt status.

● **CROATIAN** Foreign Minister Mate Granic said in an interview on March 12 with the BBC that "Croatia will not accept any Yugoslavia in any case, nor any confederal relation with Yugoslavia. That for us is past history." If there is to be any confederation involving Croats, Bosnians, and Serbs, he said, then it cannot be on the Yugoslav model.

● **THE U.N. EMBARGO** against Iraq was renewed in March, but France, Russia, and China voiced differences with the U. S. and British position. France, the chairman in March of the Security Council, sought agreement on a statement praising Iraq for improved compliance. This was supported by Russia and China, and opposed by Britain and the United States.

● **A BACKLASH** is growing in Russia against joining NATO's "Partnership for Peace" program, the London *Sunday Times* reported on March 20. The mood is represented by former Russian ambassador in Washington Vladimir Lukin, who told the parliament's defense committee: "Russia's joining this program is like when a rapist, having cornered a girl, gives her a chance, either she can just give in, or he will have her anyway. It turns out that, on top of that, the girl is supposed to pay."

● **CHIAPAS** "could suddenly explode into a situation of ungovernability" because of illegal land invasions and other lawless acts, warned Mexican Bishop Felipe Aguirre Franco of Tuxtla Gutiérrez, in the state of Chiapas, according to the daily *La Jornada* of March 21.

● **YITZHAK RABIN** warned of the potential for a terrorist incident in Hebron in October of last year, but his warnings were not acted upon, the Israeli journal *Davar* reports. Rabin said that Israeli extremists might try an attack on a highly symbolic site, such as the Tomb of the Patriarch in Hebron.