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PDS makes gains in German state election

The post-communist Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) broadened its voter base significantly in elections in the eastern German state of Saxony-Anhalt on June 26, from the 12% it won in 1990 to 19.9%. This makes it the third largest party, after the Social Democrats (34%) and Christian Democrats (34.4%).

Another spectacular result of the Saxony-Anhalt elections is that the liberal Free Democrats failed to reach the mandatory 5% level for parliamentary seats, receiving only 3.4% of the vote. Four years ago, it won 13.3%.

The Social Democrats (SPD) have so far rejected a Christian Democratic Union (CDU) offer for a "grand coalition" and prefers a minority government coalition with the Greens (5.1%). The PDS has therefore been given the role of crucial arbiter in the formation of such a minority cabinet.

The situation is pretty much the same in many municipalities of eastern Germany which don't have a clear majority candidate for the post of mayor, so that the PDS makes the difference. The PDS, which is well-rooted in the cities of the eastern part of the country, is by far also the biggest party there, with 134,000 card-carrying members.

How East Germany's Stasi courted the ADL

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith's (ADL) long-standing treasonous collusion with the former East German communist secret police is grabbing headlines in Germany, and many of Lyndon LaRouche's enemies on both sides of the Atlantic are now running for cover, according to an article in the July 11 issue of the newspaper *New Federalist*, by Jeffrey Steinberg.

On June 28, the German daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* published an article by a prominent German-Jewish military historian, Michael Wolffsohn, reporting that newly unearthed documents from the

former East German State Security (the Stasi) and the former East German communist party (the SED) reveal that East Berlin officials had opened a "goodwill offensive" to "American Jewish organizations" beginning in 1985, in a vain effort to salvage their already-crumbling regime.

Stasi Department X handled the expanded contact with the ADL and with the World Jewish Congress (WJC), a group taken over in the early 1980s by ADL honcho Edgar Bronfman, the heir to one of North America's organized crime fortunes.

Steinberg charges that "the ADL-East German collusion involved a number of dirty operations, including virtually every known attack against Lyndon LaRouche and his European-based political associates since the late 1970s."

The ADL-Stasi collusion has a much longer history than the Wolffsohn revelations indicate. According to an FBI memo released under the Freedom of Information Act, back in 1973, the FBI, under its Cointelpro program, had collaborated with the ADL, the Stasi, and the KGB in an effort to deploy the Communist Party, U.S.A. to assassinate LaRouche. The FBI memo expressed the view that were LaRouche to be "removed from the picture" his organization would soon disintegrate.

Russian marshal warns of anti-western mood

The economic crisis and strategic humiliation of Russia are combining to produce an anti-western mood in the Russian population, warned Russian Marshal Yevgeny Shaposhnikov, in an interview with the French daily *Le Figaro* on June 29. Shaposhnikov, former Defense Minister of the Soviet Union, was in Paris for the Eurosatery arms show. He is described by *Le Figaro* as "an intimate of Boris Yeltsin."

Asked whether he was pulling back from his earlier support for cooperation with the West in the military domain, in view of his objections to NATO's "Partnership for Peace," he replied: "No, I have not changed, I am still a partisan of cooperation with the West. What I am trying to say, is that this

cooperation is being badly done, it is characterized by an extremely dangerous disequilibrium."

While denying that he represents the Russian military-industrial complex, he said: "I receive the directors of military factories each day in my office. Their economic and social problems are terrifying." He says they are trying to solve these problems, and if that means Russia must have its share in the international arms markets to survive, there is no alternative.

Lima archbishop charges U.N. with genocide

The Peruvian daily *La República* on June 24 reported that spokesmen for the Catholic Church charged that "the preparatory document and the perspectives opened up by the upcoming International Conference on Population and Development organized by the United Nations augur a 'gigantic genocide' under the protection and tutelage of that important international organization."

Lima archbishop Msgr. Augusto Vargas Alzamora, and Msgr. Alberto Brazzini, president of the Commission on the Family of the Peruvian Bishops Conference, pointed to the draft document and the United Nations as the active agents of that genocide. Monsignor Brazzini warned that if the recommendations of the draft document are implemented, there will be a "massive and alarming" increase in the legalization of abortion and artificial contraception. The conference in Cairo will "design and recommend new policies on population and development," Brazzini continued, "within which legalization of abortion, contraceptive methods, and new concepts on the family carry enormous weight, at a time when the idea of the homosexual family and its [right] to adopt children is gaining acceptance." The bishop debunked the assertion that promotion of abortion has anything to do with "the health of the mother."

The Peruvian prelates also attacked the Peruvian delegation to the preparatory meetings in New York for maintaining "the silence of accomplices in the face of these U.N. proposals." It therefore "did not repre-

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sent the sentiments of the majority of the Peruvian population," they said, nor was it coherent with the Constitution, which prohibits abortion.

Israel finds Hebron murderer 'acted alone'

The Israeli report on the massacre of 50 Arab worshippers in Hebron last February was released on June 26, and declared that according to evidence presented to the inquiry team, murderer Baruch Goldstein "acted alone." The results totally clear the Israeli government and Army of any responsibility. They recommended that entry into the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron by individuals carrying weapons should be prohibited, and added merely that the discipline of the Israeli soldiers guarding the site at the time of the massacre was "unsatisfactory."

The Palestine Liberation Organization has not officially responded yet. But Nabil Shaath, a top adviser to PLO chief Yasser Arafat, rejected the inquiry's findings: "I don't think that the act in the Hebron mosque was an individual act. The Israeli government and the policy of [Jewish] settlement carry complete responsibility for this ugly crime," Shaath told reporters. Left-wing Israeli activist Uri Avneri also objected. "How can it be that after the astonishing facts set out by the inquiry report, no one is guilty?"

Irish have no use for statue of Queen Victoria

Irishmen are protesting a proposal to dig up and restore a statue of Queen Victoria in the city of Cork, which was buried in 1946, the *Times* of London reported on June 25. Victoria ruled Ireland during the Great Hunger, the second terrible act of genocide against Ireland (the first was Oliver Cromwell's attempt to eliminate the entire Irish population). To this day, Ireland's population is much lower than it was in 1844.

It was Victoria's government which robbed Ireland of all the grain and meat it produced while millions starved—in the name of "free trade."

Now, the University College of Cork wants to dig up a statue of Victoria originally placed there in 1849, to commemorate the queen's visit to Ireland when the university was chartered. The statue was taken down in 1934, and buried in 1946.

Irish nationalists have launched a campaign to keep "Vic," as the statue is known, where she belongs. A former UCC employee wrote to the *Irish Times* that "it were as appropriate to reinstate a statue of Queen Victoria in the UCC in the commemorative year of the Great Famine as to erect a bust of Hitler in the University of Tel Aviv on the anniversary of the Holocaust."

Mandela hopeful for peace in South Africa

Most of the internal political wars that were expected for the post-election period have not broken out in South Africa, President Nelson Mandela told the French daily *Le Monde* in an interview published on July 4.

First of all, there is the matter of the separate white Afrikaner *Volks-Staat* (people's state) demanded before the elections by certain Afrikaner activists. He said this idea should be rejected, but the principle of an advisory *Volks-Raad* (people's council) has been accepted, and there are regular discussions with this body. "We want to show that those who are demanding a separate White State don't constitute, as they claim they do, the majority of the Afrikaner people. They are only a tiny minority."

Mandela said that his relations with General Viljoen, head of the Front for Liberty and a fervent advocate of the *Volks-Staat* concept, are "excellent. . . . The extreme right political current that he represents is not a danger." As for the "neo-Nazis" of Eugene Terreblanche's Afrikaner Resistance Movement, Terreblanche has "lost his support. Fewer than 100 people participated in his last demonstration, here in Pretoria. Excellent news."

Mandela said that collaboration with Inkatha Freedom Party head Mangosuthu Buthelezi is "very good," the fruitful result of "long and painful negotiations." Even in tense Kwazulu-Natal, "things are for the moment going well."

● **YOSSI BEILIN**, Israel's deputy foreign minister, called for the dissolution of the World Zionist Organization, in a speech described as a "bombshell" by the July 2 *Jerusalem Post*. The WZO and the Jewish Agency, he said, are dominated by American Zionists, many of whom are supporting the Israeli opposition. He called for their replacement by a democratic organization called Beit Yisrael.

● **THE HOLLINGER CORP.'S** *Sunday Telegraph* of London on July 3 called for British Prime Minister John Major to bring Margaret Thatcher into his cabinet, thus enabling the Tories to win the upcoming elections.

● **ROBERT MALVAL**, who was appointed "prime minister" of Haiti last year by the ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, said on June 28 that he opposes a U.S. invasion, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. Malval took a swipe at Aristide for saying he cannot call for an invasion because it would mean his impeachment for violating the Constitution. "The talk of impeachment is silly," said Malval. "You are either opposed on principle, and I am opposed on principle . . . or you go with it."

● **SAUDI ARABIA'S** former deputy consul in Houston, Texas, Ahmed Al-Zahrani, has sought asylum in Great Britain. In a press release, Zahrani, who is the second Saudi diplomat to "defect" recently, expressed fears that the Saudi authorities were taking security measures against him for his attempt to publish a book on Saudi politics. Zahrani was denied asylum in the United States.

● **CROATIAN**, Bosnian, and Turkish foreign ministers are scheduled to meet in Turkey on July 17, to put together programs to rebuild Bosnia's shattered economy. The meeting will cover cooperation in energy, transport, communications, public services, finance, banking, and trade.