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France, Spain cooperate vs. Basque terrorists

The French decision to extradite seven members of the Basque terrorist group ETA who are wanted in Spain, provoked riots by several hundred sympathizers in Bayonne on June 8, according to the German daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. About 50 of the rioters set fire to a bank, and windows of municipal offices were smashed, cars demolished, and the Catholic cathedral of Bayonne occupied, forcing riot police to storm the building.

Six of the ETA terrorists had been hiding out in Ibero-America, but had fled to France last year, after Spanish authorities successfully negotiated anti-terrorism cooperation agreements with several Ibero-American governments. *EIR* has documented exiled Etxarras' involvement in many Ibero-American indigenist, separatist, and similar terrorist outfits.

Meanwhile, ETA sympathizers in Spain clashed with police and carried out arson attacks. The atmosphere around the attacks had been whipped up by *Egin*, ETA's underground journal, which called the Franco-Spanish move a "declaration of war."

U.K.'s Goldsmith dubbed electoral 'iceberg'

The Referendum Party of Sir Jimmy Goldsmith is an "iceberg" in the next British elections, typical of several political figures coming to prominence around the world, writes Lord William Rees-Mogg in the London *Sunday Times* on June 9. Rees-Mogg, himself a leading element in fomenting the "home-grown" populist attacks on President Clinton, compares Goldsmith to Ross Perot, Pat Buchanan, Jean Marie Le Pen, and Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, all of them "tips of the iceberg of renewed nationalism and protectionism."

Goldsmith is now the fourth leader of a "serious national party," after the Conservatives, Labour, and the Liberal Democrats. The Referendum Party already has 1,600 potential candidates and 25,000

active workers.

Rees-Mogg writes that Goldsmith "is personally advocating much the same combination of nationalism and protectionism" as Pat Buchanan, "a friend of his." Rees-Mogg himself abhors "protectionism," but he acknowledges its "political appeal," at a time when 1.2 billion new workers brought into the "global market" from Asia and South America, are willing to work for far less than an average American or European.

For all his "protectionist" camouflage, it came to light on June 12 that billionaire Goldsmith has been funding three top free-trade think-tanks: the Center for Policy Studies, the Adam Smith Institute, and the Institute for Economic Affairs.

Next all-Arab summit scheduled for Cairo

The next all-Arab summit meeting has been reportedly scheduled for Cairo between June 21-23, according to press reports from Syria and Jordan. Iraq is excluded from participation, and Sudan will probably not be invited. Jordan has criticized the exclusion of Iraq, and Crown Prince Hassan said on June 7 that "Jordan rejects the policies of small alliances and axes, and prefers a summit which will include all Arab states without discrimination." Jordanian radio reported that the Crown Prince and the government emphasized the strategic role of Iraq as a major power in the region.

Meanwhile, on June 7, Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz sent a letter to President Clinton, which sources in Washington report was hand-delivered by Ambassador Bandar Bin Abdulaziz. The letter included a warning to the President saying, "If the peace process is hindered (stopped), the Palestinian people will be put under great suffering, and major violent upheavals will prevail in the whole region." This is the first letter sent from Prince Abdullah to President Clinton; all previous such communications were made by King Fahd.

Prince Abdullah was reported to be in full support of Syria's Hafez Al-Assad, who called on the Arab states to be "in a state

of alert until the real intentions of the Netanyahu government are revealed." Assad also stressed that "the Arabs should create a united front against any threats from Israel."

Pope to beatify German anti-Nazi priests

On June 23, Pope John Paul II will beatify Father Bernhard Lichtenberg, the Catholic priest who protested Nazi policies, including euthanasia and anti-Semitism, at St. Hedwig's Cathedral, in the heart of Nazi Berlin, from 1938 until 1943, when he was sent to die at Dachau concentration camp. The pope will also beatify Father Karl Leisner, who was denounced for a furtive remark against the Führer in 1939, and sent to Dachau; he died from tuberculosis in 1945.

The beatifications give the lie to Harvard's Daniel Goldhagen, who claims that the Holocaust was culturally imbedded in the Germans.

Every evening, Father Lichtenberg ended vespers at the cathedral with a special prayer for Jews and other concentration camp inmates. From 1938 on, Lichtenberg calmly led parishioners as they prayed for the Nazis' victims. Lichtenberg had first clashed with Nazi ideology in lively debates against a little-known party member named Joseph Goebbels. The story circulated among Jews at the time that he wore the yellow Star of David on his vestments as a sign of solidarity with them.

'Break-up China' Segal hosts Australia confab

Gerald Segal of the London International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS) coordinated a conference on containing China, in Canberra, Australia, over May 5-6, on the eve of the May 7-9 Eurasian Land-Bridge conference in Beijing that Helga Zepp LaRouche addressed (see *EIR*, June 14). Segal's conference was co-sponsored by the IISS and Taiwan's Chinese Council of Advanced Policy Studies.

There has been quite a flurry of activity

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in and around Australia regarding China policy by the LaRouches' enemies, culminating in the public explosion against Lyndon LaRouche by Deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer on June 3, reported in last week's *EIR*. Fischer met Sir Leon Brittan, vice president of the European Commission, fresh from the Beijing conference, in Singapore. The two again met in Australia, on June 3.

Segal wrote an article reflecting the Canberra discussions for the June 11 *International Herald Tribune*, entitled, "Australia Seeks to Forge a New Regional Balance of Power." Promoting Australia within a reinvigorated British Empire (called the Commonwealth), Segal praises it for being "the advance party on the foreign policy curve" in Asia. "A new idea is beginning to take shape in Australia: a modern fusion of the hard-headed realism of resilience with an ambitious desire to think regionally. The result is a new stress on the clout of 'middle powers' to help constrain a large power like China, and build a new regional balance of power."

East Africa wars expand after Museveni election

With the election of British warlord Yoweri Museveni as President of Uganda, the war-front against its neighbors is widening on all sides.

- On June 10, Zaire called on the UN Security Council to deal with an attack it said was launched by Uganda on June 4-5.

- In Uganda itself, the West Nile Bank Front, allegedly composed of pro-Idi Amin insurgents, has launched war against Museveni in the Nile District. In addition, after the elections, the Lord's Resistance Army launched new attacks, making it almost impossible for the government to continue to arm the Sudanese People's Liberation Army in southern Sudan against Khartoum. Fighting against Museveni is now taking place in three districts in the north—Gulu, West Nile, and Leda—which are no longer under the control of the government.

- The Rwandan southwestern region, Cyangugu and Gisenyi districts, was attacked, allegedly by Hutu insurgents, at the

end of May. The Hutu governors of these districts have been removed by the ruling Rwandan Patriotic Front.

- In Burundi, the Coalition for the Restoration of Democracy (CNDD), which appears to be based in Zaire, is led by former Hutu Interior Minister Leonard Nyangoma. As the Tutsi military has succeeded in destroying the elected government through systematic assassinations, the CNDD has been building its forces. It now controls the northwest quadrant, and has a major offensive in the south, where it has met with little effective resistance.

The British seek to recolonize the Great Rift Valley, one of the world's greatest mineral deposit zones, which runs from Sudan down through Tanzania.

China to produce film on the 'Opium War'

Production of a Chinese film, "The Opium War," is well under way, and the film will open in Hongkong in July 1997, as the British colony reverts to Chinese rule after 150 years, according to the London *Daily Telegraph* of June 11. "We want to get the history of this right," said producer Xie Jin. "The aim is not to denigrate British people. The film goes far beyond simple patriotism. It was not just that England was strong; it was that we were weak because of our closed-door policies. A closed country is always a weak one."

In related news, on June 11, the Singapore *Lianhe Zaobao*, and Hongkong *Singtao Daily*, reported that Chinese police recently cracked the biggest drug ring in Asia's history.

In what was called "Operation 9601," Chinese police from Shenzhen arrested 35 drug traffickers, confiscated 596 kilos of heroin, and 15 automobiles. Among the 35 traffickers, 6 came from Hongkong. The Chinese government deployed several hundred police from Guangdong, Yunnan, and Fujian provinces. The operation began in February and lasted two months, the papers said. Drug money recovered in this case includes 6 million yuan in RMB, the Chinese currency, and \$310,000.

JERUSALEM POST executive editor David Bar-Illan will join Benjamin Netanyahu's staff as head of Policy Planning and Communications in the Prime Minister's Office. The Hollinger-owned paper led the campaign against the peace accords which prepared the climate for the Rabin assassination. Bar-Illan frequently traveled to the U.S. in 1993 to work closely with the ADL against the accords.

NIGERIA'S being decertified by the U.S. "is malicious, not based on facts, but rather a deliberate attempt to frustrate our tangible efforts to combat the drug-trafficking menace," Maj. Gen. Musa Bamaayi, head of the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency, told a news conference in Abuja. He insisted his agency had reduced drug trafficking by more than 75%.

IRAN'S Ambassador to Germany confirmed for the *Bonner General Anzeiger*, that Iran was not readying any killer commandos against author Salman Rushdie. Teheran condemns terrorism, he said, and has fulfilled all the demands by the EU regarding Rushdie, but the British "have blocked the talks, just as they are doing now" with Mad Cow disease, he said. "No wonder: Rushdie is suffering from this disease."

NADECO, the Nigerian dissident organization financially supported by Britain's Lady Lynda Chalker, announced that on June 12, "Nigeria's alternative radio station will begin its short-wave transmission . . . on the third anniversary of the annulled election won by Chief Abiola," in a statement faxed to news agencies in Lagos.

SIR FITZROY MACLEAN, the British intelligence official who gave the go-ahead to Serbia to launch the 1991 Balkans war, died on June 15 at the age of 85. He had been a "Yugoslavia handler" since 1943, when he worked with Josip Broz Tito's Partisans.