

# International Intelligence

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## ***Khmer Rouge may soon settle with government***

The Chinese and Cambodian governments appear to be close to achieving the final demise of the Cambodian Khmer Rouge insurgents, following the death this summer of the KR's leader, the notorious butcher Pol Pot. Pol Pot's closest ally, Ieng Sary, and several leaders under his influence, appear to be close to a deal with the government. In April, Chinese Gen. Zhang Wannian visited Cambodia and announced Chinese military aid to the government. The Chinese cut off aid to the Khmer Rouge in 1992.

Co-Prime Minister Han Sen, who has had poor relations with the Chinese, dating from his collaboration with the Vietnamese who defeated the Khmer Rouge, travelled to China in July to repair relations. Ieng Sary was the primary contact between the Khmer Rouge and Beijing, having lived in Beijing before the 1976 KR takeover of Cambodia, and having planned, with Deng Xiaoping in 1979, the strategy of guerrilla warfare against the Vietnamese occupation forces. Han Sen has given indications that he will lift the outstanding death sentence against Ieng Sary, if he comes over to the government.

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## ***Gnostics launch 'year of repentance' project***

A source close to World Wide Fund for Nature President Prince Philip told a journalist recently that a "year of repentance" is being launched at the Oct. 2-6 meeting of the Gorbachov Foundation in San Francisco. The idea is for people to "repent" for their "failure to live up to their responsibilities" respecting the environment, and the organizers will put forward a "new code" of appropriate behavior for the penitents. Various "major religious leaders" have contributed to a study, on how this "year of repentance" might be implemented and followed through. Prince Philip has long been the major organizer of a phony unity of religions

around environmentalism.

The chief coordinator of the Gorbachov Foundation extravaganza is Jim Garrison, a key figure, in the past, at California's pro-drug-legalization Esalen Institute. The Gorbachov Foundation is working closely with the WWF on this "human responsibilities" project.

In addition to former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachov, last year's Gorbachov Foundation extravaganza in California was patronized by Margaret Thatcher and George Bush. This year's featured glitterati include: former Haitian dictator Jean-Bertrand Aristide; Czech President Vaclav Havel; Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim; "New Age" media magnate Ted Turner; and Kenyan game-keeper/anthropologist Richard Leakey.

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## ***Gelbard in Bosnia to help fight organized crime***

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Robert Gelbard, the department's top anti-drug official, spent a week in Bosnia in August with a team of high-ranking U.S. law enforcement officials to help the government fight against drug trafficking, and to help prepare security for the mid-September national elections.

Gelbard told reporters, "We are concerned about organized crime in Bosnia, as are Bosnian officials, and especially against narcotics trafficking. Eastern Europe is being swamped by a tidal wave of drugs which originate with the opium and heroin trade from Afghanistan. The old Balkan route is opening up again with connections to Turkey, Italy, many countries."

Gelbard also said he would look into charges by Capt. Ron Stubberfield, an American UN police monitor who reported that senior UN police officials were part of a drugs and contraband ring with ties to foreign "Islamic fighters." UN officials threatened to send Stubberfield home, for making his charges to the press. Gelbard said he expected "appropriate action" to be taken against any UN personnel involved

in smuggling. He also said, "We are prepared to send in a counternarcotics team of FBI and Justice officials immediately after the elections."

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## ***Italian opera-lovers boo separatist Bossi***

Secessionist Northern League leader Umberto Bossi made a big mistake on Aug. 21, when he went to Verona's Arena theater to hear a performance of Giuseppe Verdi's famous patriotic opera, *Nabucco*. As soon as he and his wife were seated in the VIP section, the audience rose to a man and started to boo, shouting: "Go home!" "Pay for your ticket!" and "Viva l'Italia!"

According to the Milan daily *Corriere della Sera*, "A group of theater employees positioned themselves to see him clearly when Bossi took his seat. One of them, a southern Italian, spoke out: 'I am booing him because I am doing very, very well in Verona [which is in the north]. They love me here, and I am against secession.'" During intermission, when Bossi went to the bar to get a drink and a sandwich, a woman accosted him, shouting, "Long live free Italy, without the League!" and waved the tricolor Italian flag in his face.

The secessionist boss tried to appear impassive, but stammered out to reporters: "I just want to hear the 'Coro dei Lombardi,'" which is a chorus from a different opera.

Italy's "second national anthem" is the chorus of Hebrew slaves, "Va Pensiero," from Verdi's *Nabucco*.

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## ***Children are victims of social collapse in Russia***

The free trade destruction of Russia's economy is tearing the family structure to pieces, as shown by a recently published study by Prof. Eugene Slutsky. A specialist in family and youth sociology, Slutsky's articles in *St. Petersburg Vedomosti* and *Komsomolskaya Pravda* on Aug. 22, described how 1,534 divorces are registered daily; in 1,288 cases,

the custody of the children is awarded to a parent; in 30 cases, they are sent to orphanages; in 32 cases they are taken away from the (usually alcoholic) parents by state institutions; in 237 cases, they run away from home, with very few ever returning.

In 1995, women made up 15% of convicted criminals, and there is a steep rise in alcoholism and alcohol-related psychosis among women.

In 1995, the St. Petersburg police cited 2,731 parents for child neglect, with the total rising to 4,037 instances by January 1996. For the country as a whole, 10,115 parents were cited for child neglect in 1995; officially, over 50,000 children were listed as runaways because of abuse and neglect.

In 1995, there were 55,000 babies abandoned in obstetric wards. According to the State Statistics Committee, the majority of Russian children who are raised in orphanages have living parents.

A neglected child is easily incorporated into organized crime structures, and the number of homeless children living in the streets, getting no education ranges between 25-45,000. Last year, of the 6 million youths examined by Russia's medical institutions, 94.5% were found to be suffering from various diseases.

## ***Bush wanted to slow German reunification***

According to excerpts of a new biography of the late French President François Mitterrand, George Bush was eager to slow down the reunification of Germany, once it became inevitable. The excerpts of the book by Mitterrand intimate Hubert Vedrine appeared in the Aug. 22 issue of *Le Figaro*.

The Paris daily includes transcripts, evidently from 1989, of a discussion between Bush and Mitterrand, with Bush asking: "Do you think that we Americans seemed too favorable to reunification with the statement of Vernon Walters?" Walters, then U.S. ambassador to Bonn, had said that reunification could occur in about five years. Mitterrand responds: "Walters, perhaps, did not make a

mistake, but in saying what he said, he is accelerating the process of reunification."

"Walters was wrong," Bush stressed. "We are not against German reunification, but let us remain very cautious." Bush then asked: "What did Gorbachov say to you about this subject?" to which Mitterrand replied: "Gorbachov is very firm. He cannot accept this reunification. His wish, is that he be assisted, in moderating the movement towards reunification. Gorbachov is hostile to reunification. I am not hostile, but I agree with him, that it must be slowed down."

## ***Mexican archbishop rejects euthanasia***

Celebrating mass before a group of largely elderly citizens, including his own parents, Mexico City's archbishop, Msgr. Norberto Rivera, categorically rejected the practice of euthanasia as a "monstrosity," a violation of the fundamental principle of respect for human rights.

Rivera condemned legalization of euthanasia in some industrialized nations, first as an individual right, then as a right of the state or society, where anyone deemed to be a "burden" can be eliminated. The archbishop pointed out that many of those advocating euthanasia in these countries, also degrade the figure of Christ, using it as a "marketing technique," portraying him as a "superstar," or the "first guerrilla" who "defended the rights of the weak," inciting them to rebellion. But these people "know nothing about the figure, or the far-reaching [nature] of the Son of God," Rivera said.

"You should know that the Church is in favor of life, your lives, whatever your state of health," the archbishop told his audience. He vowed that the Catholic Church would increase the number of homes able to care for the elderly, if their families are unable to do so. Mexico's elderly men and women deserve the utmost "respect and affection," Rivera said, underscoring that families are best suited to care for the elderly, but if this is impossible, then society, the church, and the state, should assume that responsibility.

**INDONESIA'S** three party leaders signed a statement of support for President Suharto on Aug. 20, and pledged to avoid political maneuvers against one another in the run-up to the 1997 legislative elections. Signing for the PDI party was Sujardi, who was returned to the PDI chairmanship in June. The others are Suharto's Golkar party, and the Muslim-based United Development Party.

**A HAMBURG COURT** sentenced neo-Nazi Gary Lauck to four years in jail, after convicting him of inciting violence, disseminating race-hatred, and promoting insurrection against the German constitutional order, through his Omaha, Nebraska-based publications. Lauck has been the main supplier for the last 20 years of propaganda to the German neo-Nazi underground.

**PROVOCATEURS** infiltrated a protest in Canberra, Australia on Aug. 19 of some 20,000 people organized by the Australian Council of Trade Unions to demonstrate against the Howard government's fascist policies of selling off the government communications company, and related massive budget cuts. The provocateurs, wielding crow bars, began to smash up government property, inside the Parliament House.

**THE ALGERIAN FIS**, the Islamic Salvation Front, condemned the massacre of 60-70 men in Batna, east of Algiers, adding, "We do not rule out involvement by certain groups inside the regime which are hostile to the Algerian people." On Aug. 17, armed assailants had stopped busses in the town east of Algiers, ordered all the men between 17 and 25 years old off, and then massacred them.

**A POLISH** economic adviser to the Central Bank, who is close to George Soros and Jeffrey Sachs, told *EIR* that the way to prevent social explosions throughout the "misery-ridden" former Communist countries is "by holding elections. It is important to keep having elections; this is what defuses social tensions."