

# International Intelligence

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## ***HM eco-terrorists target construction in U.K.***

Three British companies tied into construction and road-building have begun revealing the violent actions against them by groups they have dubbed "eco-terrorists": Earth First!, The Land Is Ours, Alarm U.K., and Road Alert. David Harding, a spokesman for one of the companies, ARC, told the press, "You only have to see them in action at protests. They walk around with mobile phones and camera equipment, they communicate and gather support for demos via the Internet—we're talking about a highly sophisticated organization."

The terrorism goes beyond violent protests against road-building crews at the Newbury Bypass and the M3 highway. Company officials report bomb threats and intimidation of employees at their homes. Groups, such as the Berkshire Wood Elves, are distributing leaflets on how to build homemade explosives. Harding described how ARC, which supplied construction materials for the Newbury Bypass, was targeted: "It was called the 'First Battle of the Newbury Bypass,' we had 300 Earth First! protesters invade and occupy our site. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of damage was done in one day. Plus, there was the knock-on cost of lost production and extra security in future."

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## ***Neo-liberalism blamed for child sex exploitation***

Belgium's Foreign Minister Erick Deruecke shocked participants at a Stockholm conference on child sex exploitation by holding "ultra-liberal free-market economics" responsible for commercial child sex abuse, including the the pedophile murders by starvation of two eight-year-old girls in Charleroi, Belgium. "It's the extreme consequence of an ultra-liberal economic world order, where even children can be bought and sold on the free market," he told the World Conference Against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.

On cue, both the London *Times* and Swe-

den's *Svenska Dagbladet* denounced Deruecke's remarks as extreme. The two dailies may be reflecting nervousness in the circles around the free-market fanatics in the Mont Pelerin Society, who met in Vienna Sept. 8-13.

The London *Times*, rather than praising Deruecke's statements, editorialized that the continued "unity of Belgium" is now called into question by the pedophile murders, and that the only thing holding the country together is "the center's moral authority." This is now gravely weakened. The "separatist demands of Flemish nationalist politicians in the North" must necessarily become more strident, they threatened.

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## ***N. Ireland: Loyalists threaten to break truce***

On Sept. 9, the roundtable talks headed by President Clinton's Northern Ireland adviser, ex-Sen. George Mitchell, were set to resume. But over Aug. 28-29, British media gave play to claims by Progressive Unionist Party leader David Ervine that the Loyalist truce was close to the breaking point because of the IRA's failure to renew its own cease-fire, he wrote, "The basis of the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF)/Red Hand Commando thinking at the time is for the survival of the Unionist population and their way of life," i.e., a return to war.

Ervine's threat appears to be a response to the Irish government's efforts to get Sinn Fein seated at resumed peace talks. "Elements of the Irish government and opposition have felt it necessary to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Provos [IRA] in relation to talks without a cease-fire. . . . Loyalists see the Irish government as being wholly dubious," said Ervine. From Dublin, Prime Minister John Bruton responded that he was ready to talk to Ervine or any other Loyalist figure to persuade them of the Irish government's determination to be even-handed.

Meanwhile, the Combined Loyalist Military Command (CLMC), a countergang umbrella group for outlawed Loyalist guerrillas, gave a 72-hour warning to factional leader Billy Wright, to leave or suffer "summary justice." Wright had accused the PUP

of betrayal, saying "I believe that the political direction in which they are moving is wrong. I believe time would be better spent sticking up for Northern Ireland."

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## ***Republican IRI praised in Mongolian elections***

The International Republican Institute, the George Bush-linked "quango," is not only up to its elbows in pushing free-market looting under the guise of democracy in Russia: A review of IRI funding projects in Asia revealed that in 1994, IRI spent \$134,073 of a grant from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), for technical training of the Mongolian National Democratic Party and the Social Democratic Party. The effort was so successful that the NED annual report that year quoted the chairman of the two parties saying, "training proved critical in the [1993] Presidential election when our coalition candidate was elected President. . . continued support from IRI will allow us to gain control of the parliament in the 1996 elections," which, indeed, happened.

However, in light of the Republican effort, Mongolia's women have moved to assert their independence and safeguard the country's future, creating the Mongolian Liberal Women's Brain Pool, an in-country workshop on Women in Politics, promoting non-governmental organization oversight and advocacy, and participation in an international seminar on Economics in Transition, paid for by the Asia Foundation.

Can you blame them? If Mongolian men are being trained by the Republicans, Mongolia's women need all the brains they can pool.

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## ***German, Chinese foreign ministers to meet at UN***

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel and Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen will meet at the UN General Assembly in New York on Sept. 24, to settle the "irritation" in relations, Kinkel told the economic daily *Handelsblatt*. He continued, that the meeting will "lay the foundations for my visit,

and the exchange of visits can be arranged in a way that corresponds to the interests of both countries." Kinkel had been set to visit Beijing in July, but it was cancelled when Tibet's Dalai Lama, a British asset for destabilization of China, went to Germany.

On Tibet, Kinkel said that human rights remains an important theme for German-Chinese discussions, including religious freedom. However, he noted, "If the German government calls for respecting the cultural and religious autonomy of the Tibetans, this in no way means that it supports the efforts of Tibet to obtain independence from the Chinese nation." Germany has always had, and still has, a clear "one-China policy," he said. "The government does not recognize the self-proclaimed Tibetan government in exile."

Kinkel also noted the importance of economic relations. Germany is building subways in Shanghai and Guangdong, and at the same time is playing an essential role in technology transfers to China, to build a modern transport structure. German exports to China, while only 1.6% of exports overall, some important sectors of industry export 20%-30% of their products there.

## 'Limes' editor backs Chile option for Russia

Lucio Caracciolo, publisher of the geopolitical magazine *Limes* in Italy, told *EIR* on Aug. 26, that his circles back a Pinochet-style dictatorship to "stabilize" Russia. "The highest priority, for all of Europe, is to stabilize Russia," from which he had just recently returned. "The situation in Russia is under no one's control. The mafia has a free hand. The danger is not a new geopolitical expansion, but the export of Russian instability into Ukraine. Ukraine is the hot spot for all of Europe, during the next few years."

Caracciolo had just attended a strategy conference arranged by the Moscow School of Political Studies. While in Moscow he had also met with Vitaly Naishul, an adviser to Security Council chief Gen. Aleksandr Lebed, and deadly opponent of Lebed's economics adviser Sergei Glazev, who

backs a dirigist approach to rebuilding the country. (See *EIR's Strategic Studies* section last week, in which correspondent Roman Bessonov demolished the lie that the only true democrats in Russia are the proponents of free market reforms.) Caracciolo and his group see Lebed as an authoritarian, Pinochet-style option for Russia. "Naishul has spent a lot of time in Chile, and is supportive of the Chilean experience," he confirmed.

## The 'old guard' may take over in Thailand

Thailand's current ruling coalition may be heading for trouble. Prime Minister Banharn Silpa-archa, a business leader, rules in alliance with various military- and business-linked forces, including technocrats who operate at the behest of the International Monetary Fund. With a severe financial crisis now threatening to explode, the "old guard" military and police types are expected to take over.

Defense Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, the retired general who served in the military governments of the 1980s, and Justice Minister Chalerm Yubamrung, who was a police captain known for having files on everyone, and for using them regularly, have apparently teamed up to bring down Banharn and take direct control.

Chavalit has opposed Banharn's efforts to implement a political reform that threatens to remove the appointed (generally, military-held) seats in the Senate.

Both Chavalit and Chalerm were publicly enraged when Banharn recently named three new recipients of bank licenses. Chavalit was supporting the War Veterans Organization for the bank license, and Chalerm another group, but both of these were passed over. Chalerm suddenly "discovered" and made public the fact that the three winning applicants had all paid \$30 million in bribes to members of the cabinet. Chavalit and Chalerm played key roles in bringing down the previous regime of Chuan Leekpai, by similar methods. Another redistribution of looting rights, however, is unlikely to solve the crisis.

**PRESIDENT CHIRAC** of France called for the expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to include Russia, in his address to the French ambassadors on Aug. 29. He called on all states interested in joining NATO to attend the Atlantic Alliance summit early in 1997, where all the recent changes in NATO's organization will be integrated.

**ZIMBABWE** has recorded an unprecedented 1 million malaria cases, with 2,000 deaths this year, a Health Ministry official said on Aug. 23. Samuel Tsoka, the principal health education officer, told the local official news agency ZIANA, it was "the worst (national) epidemic of malaria in living memory." Half the country's expenditures go for debt service.

**A MOSCOW SYNAGOGUE** was the site of a small bomb explosion on Aug. 22, a Federal Security Service spokesman told Itar-Tass. The device went off when the building was empty. No one was injured, but the blast broke windows and knocked over Torah scrolls, causing \$15,000 worth of damage. The synagogue, which had burned down in 1993, was reopened in June.

**POPE JOHN PAUL II** is not about to abdicate for health reasons, despite a campaign by the French magazine *L'Express* asking "Should John Paul II Abdicate?" While Vatican spokesmen compared persistent press rumors of the Holy Father's failing health to sightings of the Loch Ness monster, the London *Times* coyly headlined its coverage, "Vatican Denies Ailing Pope May Abdicate."

**NEGLECT OF THE ELDERLY** is now a criminal offense in China, according to the Aug. 30 issue of *People's Daily*. "It is the common responsibility of the society to guarantee the lawful rights of elderly people," the law reads. The over-60 population of China is nearly 117 million.