

# International Intelligence

## **Former ambassador bucks British line on China**

Britain's former longtime ambassador to China, Sir Percy Craddock, bucked the conventional wisdom on "confronting" China and seeking its breakup, in an article on the death of Deng Xiaoping for the *Sunday Telegraph* of Feb. 22. "The only way forward will be constructive engagement, a patient effort to integrate the new great power fully into the international community," urged Sir Percy, who, as Margaret Thatcher's foreign policy adviser, led the British negotiations over the return of Hongkong to China. He has frequently polemicized against the confrontationalism of Hongkong Gov. Chris Patten, and the "breakup China" mob of Gerald Segal.

"Plans for containment of China would prove counter-productive folly," he said. Rather, constructive engagement "will call for a shrewder appreciation of the changed balance of power and for a more informed, less emotional, West-centered approach than hitherto. The febrile reporting of the past week and the British policy errors of the past five years are good examples of how to get it wrong.

"The West has a vast and growing stake in a stable, peacefully evolving China. It has relatively few means of bringing that about. But a constructive relationship with China would be the pre-condition, for that and for any tolerable new world order."

## **GIA resumes distributing Satanic paper in London**

The Algerian Armed Islamic Group terrorists (GIA) resumed distributing their Satanic periodical *Al-Ansar* to mosques in London in February after an eight-month hiatus, according to the Arabic daily *Al-Hayat*. GIA's *Al-Ansar* disappeared from London last June, after France heavily pressured British authorities to crack down on Algerian terrorists in London who were involved in the bombings of the Paris Metro. *Al-Ansar*, headlining its issue, "Blood, Blood . . . Destroy, Destroy," is now back to take credit for the recent butchery of the wives and chil-

dren of members of the legitimate, but banned, Islamic Salvation Front (FIS). *Al-Ansar* details the Satanic nature of this mass murder, which GIA carried out, in fact, in concert with the Algerian military intelligence unit tasked to annihilate the support base of FIS and its militant faction, the Islamic Salvation Army.

As documented by *EIR* (Oct. 13, 1995), the two most prominent GIA leaders who give marching orders to their death squads in Algeria, complete with "theological" arguments, are Abu Musaab al-Suri and Abu Qatadah al-Filistini, both operating from mosques in Britain.

## **Soros makes populist bid to take over Maastricht**

Arch-speculator George Soros is moving to capitalize on the popular rage against Maastricht austerity in Europe, by forming a populist "pro-Maastricht" countergang to Sir Jimmy Goldsmith's populist "anti-Maastricht" Referendum Party in Britain and Other Europe party in France. On Feb. 6, Soros held a closed-door meeting in Brussels with 39 European political figures—typified by such men of the people as High International Representative to Bosnia Carl Bildt, and monetarist Count Etienne Davignon—to map out his "Charter Europe."

Soros is planning a \$20 million propaganda blitz building up to the European Parliament elections in 1999, demagogically calling for a "Europe of the People" not just a "Europe of the Currency." The blitz begins in May 1998 with a Congress of Europe that is to rubberstamp Soros's "Declaration of Interdependence." A Jacobin manifesto Soros had circulated at a private meeting in Davos, during the elite World Economic Forum, urged, "The people of Europe must impose their authority over the European governments."

In a related development, British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, speaking to the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Bonn on Feb. 19, warned that popular distrust of Maastricht would bring it to the same sorry end as the Eastern European regimes: "Democracy has to come from below, not

above," intoned Her Majesty's foreign secretary. "It was the absence of real legitimacy that brought down the regimes across Central and Eastern Europe eight years ago." He concluded, sanguinely, "As Immanuel Kant once said: 'Out of the crooked timber of humanity, no straight thing was ever made.'"

## **Serbian opposition leader becomes Belgrade mayor**

Zoran Djindjic, the leader of the Serbian opposition group, Zajedno, was appointed mayor of the capital, Belgrade, on Feb. 21. The appointment took place at a session of the City Council, where Zajedno has a majority. The opposition organized a celebration in the streets, this time to hail the victory. The Defense Ministry (still under the control of President-dictator Slobodan Milosevic) withdrew equipment from the Information and Alert Center, and the State Security Service removed its personnel, who, until now, have guaranteed the security of the Belgrade City Council building.

During a "Belgrade liberation" celebration ceremony, new conflicts emerged between the opposition leaders Vuk Draskovic and Djindjic, reportedly due to mistrust, as well as rivalry: Draskovic claims Djindjic is not loyal to their agreement whereby Djindjic should become prime minister, Vuk Draskovic President, and Vesna Pestic speaker of the Parliament. At one point during the ceremony, Draskovic said he did not wish to speak, since he did not understand what was being celebrated when the majority of Serbia's problems still remain unsolved.

## **Bosnians denounce bombing of Franciscan monastery**

The Franciscan Monastery of St. Anthony in Sarajevo was struck by two bombs on the evening of Feb. 20, by what Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic called "either miserable cowards or conscious enemies of Bosnia." The ancient monastery, which is greatly respected by the Muslim population, had been under police protection since rocks were thrown through a stained glass window

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**ROMANIA'S** exiled King Michael returned home but only small crowds turned out to see him at church on March 2, although the head of the Orthodox Church hailed him as a son of the nation. New centrist President Emil Constantinescu said the king's prestige could be used to promote Romania's foremost foreign policy goal—early admission to NATO alongside favorites Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic.

**A BREMEN CLINIC** which tested a computerized euthanasia program, was forced to cancel the program after media exposés. Under the program, developed in London by René Chang, a patient's life hinges on the prospects for survival determined by a computer. Frank Ulrich Montgomery, President of the Chamber of Hamburg Doctors, declared: "If the survival of a man is made dependent on economic criteria, then we are at the point, ethically, where the Nazis stopped working."

**THE POLISH** bimonthly magazine *Militaria* published two articles, in successive issues, on the drug plague. The first, on drugs in general, cited *EIR* as its source, and the second, by Anna Wei, exposed George Bush's role as a drug kingpin.

**THE INDIAN ARMY** brigade guarding the center section of the Himalayan frontier with China is being withdrawn, the *Hindustan Times* reported Feb. 17. This withdrawal of the 9th Independent Brigade is "possibly the first step in implementation of an agreement signed" by the Indian and Chinese foreign ministers during Chinese President Jiang Zemin's visit to India in November 1996.

**SOUTH ASIAN** drug abuse has reached "alarming" proportions, according to a UN International Drug Control Program report, "Working for a Drug-Free Future In South Asia." The latest trends include a soaring rise in the abuse of codeine-based cough medicines, as well as of illegal opiates, spreading throughout India, Bangladesh, and Nepal.

during mass on Feb. 18.

On Feb. 10, a leading monk from St. Anthony's was assaulted in Potoci near Mostar, on the same day that Muslims from Mostar, en route to a cemetery, were victims of an armed attack. *EIR*'s Bosnian sources say that, "what is at work here are the same forces that provoked the 'war of the victims' " in this area of central Bosnia in 1993. At that time, both Croatian and Bosnian counterintelligence found that the confrontation was caused by operatives of Britain's MI-6, individuals working with the SAS forces that had trained and armed both Croat and Muslim gangs.

The Croatian Peasant Party of Bosnia (HSS) strongly condemned the attacks as an attempt to destabilize Bosnia on the eve of the April 13 visit of Pope John Paul II to Sarajevo. The head of Bosnia's Islamic community, Mustafa Effendy Cenric, communicated a message to the Franciscan provincial father, that the attack "is a malicious attempt aimed at destroying the good that people of goodwill of all religions in Bosnia-Herzegovina have been building and preserving with love for centuries."

### **Cisneros porn TV draws church ire in Venezuela**

A petition signed by 30 Venezuelan bishops and by more than 32,000 Catholic priests, religious, and parishioners, was submitted to Minister of Transportation and Communications Moises Orosco Graterol, demanding that he shut down two pornographic TV channels owned by LaRouche-hater Gustavo Cisneros and his family, in partnership with Hugh Hefner's Playboy Enterprises. In a statement, Teresa Castellanos, who heads the steering committee of the anti-porn campaign (and who is also a member of the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement, founded by LaRouche's co-thinkers), said that the petitioners include Archbishop Tulio Manuel Chirivella of Barquisimeto, president of Venezuela's Conference of Bishops, and past president Archbishop Domingo Roa Pérez of Maracaibo. "The counterculture promoted by Playboy, which is based on pornography, materialism, and he-

donism, will only help to ensure the definitive destruction of our nation."

Lara's Gov. Orlando Fernández Medina, who had already announced he was banning Cisneros's DirecTV pornography in his state, said that he was joining the crusade for a nationwide ban. Moreover, Chacao Mayor Irene Saez, a former Miss Universe and likely Presidential contender, said she, too, was jumping on the anti-Cisneros/Playboy bandwagon. Cisneros, who had the Spanish translation of *EIR*'s book *Dope, Inc.* banned in Venezuela, owns the local franchise of the Miss Universe contest.

### **Lebanon arrests Japanese Red Army terrorists**

On Feb. 18, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto of Japan announced that Lebanese authorities had arrested five Japanese Red Army terrorists. Hashimoto told reporters he had been informed by Lebanese officials that the terrorists, all of them Japanese, were captured in the Bekaa Valley, where they had been holed up for years.

Among those arrested, said Lebanese officials, were Kozo Okamoto, 49, involved in a joint operation between the JRA and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in May 1972, resulting in a shootout at Tel Aviv's Lod Airport in which 26 people died and 78 were injured. Okamoto was sentenced to life imprisonment in Israel, but was released in a Palestinian-Israeli prisoner exchange in May 1985. Another JRA member among those being held in Beirut, Kazuo Tohira, was implicated in the September 1977 hijacking of a Japan Air Lines plane in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

According to Reuters, it may take years for Lebanon to extradite the five to Japan, both, because the two countries have no extradition treaty, and because Lebanon may seek to try them on charges of carrying forged passports.

The Japanese Red Army component of the "terror international" is active in the Túpac Amaru seizure of the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima, Peru. The terrorists continue to hold 72 hostages, in the siege that began Dec. 17, 1996.