

# International Intelligence

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## ***'Operation Surety' may use terrorism in England***

Informed London sources have repeatedly warned *EIR* of the existence of "Operation Surety" for Britain, a police exercise aimed at suppressing social upheaval as the financial collapse hits. The sources have noted these police-state emergency measures would be expedited by the outbreak of "Irish Republican Army terrorism" on the English mainland. Indicative that such a scenario may be live, the Oct. 4 London *Times* reported on its front page that a "renegade" split from the Provisional IRA, the self-styled "Real IRA" (some have dubbed it the "Royal IRA") is planning a "bomb spectacular in England." According to the *Times*, targets will be "high-profile landmarks in Britain," including possibly the Millennium Dome, which is being erected for the millennium celebrations.

The *Times's* source is the Special Branch of the Irish Gardai (police), which calls the Real IRA "a serious threat." The Gardai "have received information that attacks are likely to be mounted around the new year, to coincide with any millennium bug computer problems," the *Times* writes.

Recall that the cover for Operation Surety activation is to deal with social discontent resulting from problems caused by the "Y2K" millennium bug.

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## ***Tony Blair: 'Mediocrity worshipping itself'***

"This Man Is a Very Important Nonentity," was the headline of a *Sunday Telegraph* commentary on Britain's Prime Minister by Dr. Theodore Dalrymple on Oct. 3. Tony Blair can be likened to a Mussolini, madman, alcoholic, and criminal burglar, but is, worst of all, "mediocrity worshipping itself," wrote Dalrymple. Regarding Blair's speech to the previous week's annual Labour Party conference, Dalrymple said, "the deaf observer might have thought the time fast approaching when a clause of the Mental Health Act would have to be invoked, and

the speaker carted away by men in the white coats, for a little rest in the local asylum." But with sound added, "it is clear that things are more complex with Mr. Blair than straightforward madness.

"He is at the same time vacuous and sinister; burningly sincere yet fickle and opportunistic; humble yet arrogant and egotistical . . . passionate but shallow and empty; sentimental but ruthless and bullying. He thinks he is Moses but reminds one more of Mussolini. His capacity for self-deception puts me in mind of some of my patients." Dalrymple compares Blair to a self-deceiving "alcoholic" who "smells of alcohol but who claims he never drinks a drop."

The author also likens Blair to Pontius Pilate—whom Blair himself adopted as a role model, as *EIR* exposed in our June 13, 1997 issue. "Mr. Blair has undeniable talents, though they are unpleasant ones: He is both demagogue and apparatchik. The apparatchik knows instinctively how to coopt people, especially potential enemies, by use of the carrot and the stick; the demagogue how to appeal to the low instincts of the populace." Dalrymple concludes that Blair and the self-professed "populist elite" that he leads, represent "mediocrity worshipping itself. If it is possible to be brilliantly mediocre, then that indeed is what Blair is: a brilliant mediocrity."

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## ***India says 'no' to big military spending***

India does not intend to launch a massive military spending program, with the intention of driving Pakistan into bankruptcy, Indian Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha, is quoted by *The Hindu* on Oct. 1. While there are some in India pushing such a drive, he said, fortunately, this group is small. "A bankrupt Pakistan, a destabilized Pakistan cannot be a good neighbor for India, because any trouble in that country is bound to have a spillover effect on the subcontinent as a whole." Sinha noted that this issue has recently been addressed by Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee.

At the same press briefing, at the Indian

Embassy in Washington on Sept. 30, Sinha said that India's nuclear program is not a burden on its economy, because it is not an expensive program. The government's major focus remains poverty alleviation and ending unemployment.

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## ***Toffler promotes breaking up nations***

New Age futurologist Alvin Toffler is now openly promoting the break-up of nation-states. Speaking in Mexico City, on Sept. 23 at the national conference of the Mexican business association, Coparmex, Toffler said that separatism will naturally emerge in the "more diverse system" that is coming into being in the context of the new globalization, information age "third wave" period. Toffler did not mention Mexico, where the terrorist Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) is promoting "separatism" in the southeast state of Chiapas, while business circles linked to the free-market Mont Pelerin Society are promoting it in Mexico's north—some of the latter even suggest annexing the north to the United States. Rather, Toffler focussed on Brazil, where he said "the rich zones" wish to separate from the rest of the country because they don't want their taxes to be used for poorer regions.

Toffler also pointed to the separatist operations in Italy, although not mentioning their British provenance, and said that even in the United States, there are "small separatist militias" (also British-fomented).

Toffler finally got to the point—attacking national sovereignty—in his conclusion. Over the next 25 years, he said, "there will be efforts to redraw the borders of many countries, and one thing that is extremely important to consider, is whether there is going to be, or should be, a single concept of sovereignty." In today's globalized world, and in the internet revolution, "one way to think about the future of political institutions is to remember that the last time we saw a world revolution in social, economic, and cultural life was during the Industrial Revolution, when technology

## U.K. FOREIGN SECRETARY

Robin Cook, who met Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazzi Sept. 21, during the UN General Assembly, has announced he will be visiting Iran early next year. Cook will be the highest-level British official to visit Iran in 20 years. Cook also formally invited Kharrazzi to visit London. It was also announced that the British Council will resume operations in the country after a 20-year hiatus.

## CHINA AND RUSSIA

announced that their warships would take part in joint maneuvers in early October, according to a Sept. 27 in ITAR-Tass. The Russian Pacific Fleet destroyer *Burny* and missile cruiser *Varyag* was to visit Shanghai on Oct. 2-6 to mark China's 50th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Russian-Chinese diplomatic relations.

## SYRIA'S FOREIGN

Minister Farouq A Shara suffered a heart attack and is listed in satisfactory condition after emergency surgery at the American Hospital in Beirut. He has been in his post since 1984, and is a key figure in the peace negotiations with Israel.

## THE MOSCOW TIMES

of Sept. 26 floated a proposal to bring back Mikhail Gorbachov, in an editorial accompanying coverage of Raisa Gorbachov's funeral. The English-language daily, "Mourning For Our Lost Gorbachovs," said he would be "a head of state Russia could be proud of—the President Russia lost." Gorbachov was, in fact, despised by the Russian people (if beloved by British Prime Minister Maggie Thatcher, who dubbed him in 1984 as "a man with whom we can do business").

## THE SUDANESE

owner of the Al-Shifa pharmaceutical plant that was bombed on Aug. 20, 1998 by the United States, is demanding \$30 million in damages. Attorneys for Salah Idris, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Field, have hired scientists to inspect soil samples, and to investigate the plant, to show it could not have produced chemical weapons.

changed, the steam engine was invented, and the French Enlightenment occurred, with new ideas, a new culture, and governments fell everywhere."

## Sovereignty is not dead, nations tell UNGA

The days of the "state" are not over, and the way NATO was used in Kosovo has set an "ominous precedent" for the world community, Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan told the UN General Assembly (UNGA) on Sept. 22. His polemic was also echoed by India and Algeria. "The outbreak of the war in Kosovo has sounded an alarm for us all," Tang said. "A regional military organization, in the name of humanitarianism and human rights, bypassed the UN and took military action against a sovereign state. It created an ominous precedent in international relations." Tang said that respect for national sovereignty and non-interference in another country's internal affairs, are "the basic principles governing international relations." To change this, would lead to a new form of gunboat diplomacy which would "wreak havoc."

Indian Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh said that nations' sovereignty should not be diminished by international action: "It would be an error to assume that the days of the state are over. . . . The state continues to have a crucial role and relevance—also, therefore, national sovereignties."

Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, speaking at the General Assembly on Sept. 22, insisted that "humanitarian" operations are being used to deprive nations of their national sovereignty. "We were colonized; turned into good savages," he said in reference to French colonial rule.

## Arab daily runs LaRouche analysis of Russia crisis

Will the U.S. administration now "insist on pursuing the same policy until Russia completely drowns in the swamp of corruption, debt, and Mafia control," or will it finally

learn from LaRouche, and "reach out a hand to help it?" This is the question posed by Dr. Mustafa Al-Bazargan, economics editor of the London-based Arabic daily, *Al-Arab International* on Oct. 1. Al-Bazargan was commenting on an *EIR* exposé, recently serialized by *Al-Arab*, on the looting of Russia by Bush, Thatcher, and, later, Gore, in the name of "reform."

Al-Bazargan outlines the rapid political and social changes since Gorbachov's *perestroika* to the emergence of Yeltsin after the coup attempt against Gorbachov, to the long-awaited promises of the "capitalist paradise" which later appeared to be an operation "destroying Russia's economic, social, and political infrastructure." He concludes by noting the importance of *EIR*'s analysis "on the financial and economic catastrophe facing Russia today, and how American economist and politician Lyndon LaRouche, who is currently a candidate for the American Presidential elections next year, forecast these developments and warned against them."

## Financial Times: Make Colombian drugs legal

London's prestigious financial daily, the *Financial Times*, editorialized on Sept. 24 for legalization of drugs and use of "market mechanisms" as part of a "fundamental rethink" [sic] in combatting drug production in Colombia. Referencing the Colombian government's anti-drug "measures ranging from the eradication of plantations of coca and opium poppy through aerial spraying to incentives for small farmers to sow other crops," the *Financial Times* pontificates that the policy simply is "not working," and that, "Indeed, the policy could be making matters still worse."

The *Times* insists that the "international community must reassess the costs of its war against drugs, particularly for the politically fragile supplying countries. . . . Ways to control drug production that bring market and price mechanisms to bear, and make the industry less lucrative, could be explored."