

# International Intelligence

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## ***African influential endorses LaRouche***

In *EIR*'s report last week on the international endorsers of Lyndon LaRouche's presidential campaign, we inadvertently attributed the wrong statement to Harvey G. Ward (page 28). Mr. Ward is the former director general of the Rhodesian Broadcasting Corp., life president of the Scottish-South African Association, executive director of the Monday Club, Great Britain, and director of the Ossian Publishing Company, Scotland. The accurate text of his endorsement follows:

"In endorsing Lyndon LaRouche's candidature for President in 1992, I am confident that his economic and political policies for the United States would lift the body of the nation to new heights of prosperity under God's permanent laws. LaRouche's economic programs also hold good for many parts of the world today, especially in Europe and Southern Africa. As the leading nation in the world today, the people of the United States now have the one-time-only chance of electing a candidate to a position where these plans can be implemented with authority and understanding of the prevailing problems."

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## ***Russian general denies missiles were retargeted***

All strategic nuclear missiles of the former Soviet republics are still pointing at their old targets in the West, declared Russian Defense Minister Gen. Yevgeny Shaposhnikov in an interview with the Russian newspaper *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, published Feb. 12. He said that President Boris Yeltsin's recent announcement that the missiles had been retargeted had not been put into practice yet.

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev gave no indication of a retargeting either, in a speech Feb. 12 before the U.N. Disarmament Committee in Geneva. Instead, Kozyrev presented a detailed proposal for a phased build-down of nuclear missiles, to begin with the cancellation of the

constant alert status of the launchers on both sides. This approach would create the precondition for a "fundamental review of the military and nuclear strategic situation in the world," and pave the way for the dismantling of the warheads from the delivery systems, Kozyrev explained.

Kozyrev also warned that a joint U.S.-Russian anti-missile defense project should not exclude the nations of the South. Kozyrev said he hoped that the research on missile defense will be utilized for peaceful purposes, "instead of building another Berlin Wall that would separate the North from the South."

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## ***Ratzinger: New world order is the Antichrist***

One of the Vatican's highest officials, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, charged in a speech on Feb. 8 that George Bush's "new world order" is like the Antichrist. He called on Europe to rise to its own appropriate historic role. Ratzinger is Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and was speaking at the Catholic University of Milan, introducing his new book, *A Shift for Europe?*

The cardinal warned of the danger of a "planetary homogenization," in which "Europe would become an appendix of North America." He said: "In the context of such phenomena, the question of a new world order can carry with it something not so comforting. It is not by chance that in the past years, the memory was reawakened of Benson's book, *The Master of the World*, published in 1907. The book describes the vision of a similar unified civilization and of its power, so destructive to the spirit; the Antichrist is presented as the great bearer of peace of a similar new world order. The book was republished in Germany in 1990—obviously because it is believed that such a homogenization of humanity today must be seen as a real danger."

In an interview published in the Italian daily *Il Giornale* a few days before, Ratzinger said: "When, after the Gulf war, Bush stated that a new world order was born, this surprised me and appeared to me as an exag-

geration. . . . It would be too simplistic to read the reality in the sense that—to quote Roosevelt—in the end we will all become Americans."

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## ***Poland seeks to realign its defense policy***

Polish Defense Minister Jan Parys wants to align more closely with the defense and security policy of France and Germany, according to the Paris daily *Le Figaro* Feb. 11.

According to Parys, "Poland is following with the greatest attention all the European initiatives for defense and security. If, for example, the Western European Union finally comes up with an effective system of security, Poland will immediately request its integration. For the moment, we are developing our bilateral contacts with all the member countries of the WEU. The Polish government has a particular interest in the initiatives for military cooperation between Bonn and Paris."

He said he hoped the line of cooperation that has heretofore gone as far as Potsdam, Germany, can extend itself to Warsaw. Poland, in this context, foresees the possibility of contributing elements of the Polish Army to a future European "rapid reaction force" that would intervene in local conventional conflicts.

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## ***Brits weigh dumping bankrupt U.S. ally***

Peregrine Worsthorpe, spokesman of the old British imperial faction, has come out against alliance with the U.S.A., in an article in the London *Sunday Telegraph* of Feb. 9. Worsthorpe, in what City of London sources say signals a shift among the traditional "American Empire" faction of the British establishment, called for a shift in British strategy toward a new alliance with Japan.

"I used to be pro-American," argues Worsthorpe, "but American interests are no longer ours. . . . Britain should rather form

an alliance with that other 'island nation' Japan, should encourage Japanese investment into British industry. We should in fact begin to brand those . . . who defend the American view as 'fellow travelers,' much as we used to brand those in the left whose position aided the Left."

According to sources, there is now a minority view in the U.K. establishment which realizes that their dependence on the American "special relationship" is no longer beneficial, and that the political and economic problems of the United States run counter to British interests. The concern of this grouping, which rallied around former prime minister Margaret Thatcher in the recent period, is how to control Germany.

Citing a new survey of U.K. fund managers, they say that 40% plan to increase their investment in continental European companies, while 31% plan to decrease investment in U.S. stocks. Only 12% of the fund managers are "optimistic on the U.S. economy." The implications of such disinvestment in the United States could be felt by as early as the end of March, when the quarter ends.

## ***Egypt arrests three in plot against Mubarak***

Egyptian Interior Minister Muhammad Abdel-Halim Moussa announced early in February the arrest of three alleged ringleaders of a Muslim Brotherhood-led plot to overthrow the government of President Hosni Mubarak. The three were said to be part of a larger group directly linked to the illegal Brotherhood.

The arrests followed police raids on a Cairo-based research firm that specialized in compiling opinion polls. Documents were found that revealed that militants had received weapons training in Afghanistan. The plot, which is considered the most serious in a number of years, comes at a time when Egyptian authorities are concerned with the expansion of Islamic fundamentalism in Algeria and Sudan. It is reported that Egyptian security experts are advising the Algerian government in its struggle against the Islamic Salvation Front.

But how successful their advice will be remains to be seen. The London *Daily Telegraph* of Feb. 11 quoted Egyptian opposition leader Ibrahim Abassa, writing in *al-Wafd*, the organ of the Wafd Party, that "if free elections were held in Egypt, the fate of the regime and the ruling National Democratic Party would be the same as the Algerian regime and the National Liberation Front." Mubarak has ruled out opposition demands for a new, more democratic Constitution for Egypt.

## ***Haitian exiles call for invasion force***

Members of the 300,000-strong Haitian exile community in the United States issued a statement calling for the Organization of American States (OAS) to constitute a multinational invasion force to restore ousted tyrant Jean-Baptiste Aristide to power.

The *Washington Times* on Feb. 17 quoted Haiti's consul general in New York saying that "all the Haitians here" want a multinational force to topple Haiti's army regime. "The Haitian soldiers won't leave unless they're chased out by force," he said. But the exiles don't want it to be a U.S. force, because of the experience under U.S. Army tutelage for 30 years earlier in this century.

According to the Bonn daily *Die Welt* of Feb. 17, however, the United States is losing patience with the Haiti junta and may launch its own military intervention. The report, filed from Miami, quotes an anonymous State Department official. According to the article, the intervention would most likely be run under an OAS mandate. Venezuelan President Carlos Andrés Pérez is said to endorse such an intervention.

But others are seeking to block the restoration of Aristide, the "Pol Pot" of Haiti. The Dominican Republic has ordered a Catholic radio station that had been beaming in to Haiti pro-Aristide broadcasts, to cease doing so, and also make it clear to Aristide that it would be "inopportune" for him to visit the capital of Santo Domingo to attend a meeting of parliamentarians in mid-February.

## ***Briefly***

● **SADDAM HUSSEIN** charged that he was "misled," before the Gulf war, by French President Mitterrand and Mikhail Gorbachov. He told the daily Turkish daily *Hurriyet* of Feb. 8 that, up to the last minute before the war was launched, he had been receiving "good news from Paris and Moscow" about the chances for a peaceful resolution.

● **A NEW ENCYCLICAL**, *Veritatis Splendor*, ("The Splendor of Truth") will be issued by the Pope in a few months. It will reportedly state that questions of population growth will be considered as "matters of faith," thus outlawing all those theologians still playing with malthusianism. As the Italian daily *La Stampa* pointed out, this will hit hard at theologians in Germany and North America.

● **THE GERMAN** Social Democrats on Feb. 18 rejected the proposal of Russian President Yeltsin for a joint U.S.-Soviet missile defense program, on the grounds that it would be "a late victory of the Star Wars project" and launch "an arms race in space at a time when the perspective of disarmament on the ground after the end of the Cold War confrontation is about to become reality."

● **THE POPE** began a tour of Senegal, Gambia, and Guinea on Feb. 19. According to a Vatican spokesman quoted by Reuters, "The Pope will remind the West, which at times seems to have to have totally forgotten about the overwhelming problems of the Third World, that Africa is still there."

● **MALAYSIA** has arrested British author James Barclay, for illegally entering Sarawak state to visit the scene of an anti-logging protest by nomadic Penan tribesmen. He was first arrested last August when he attempted to enter Sarawak under an assumed name.