

International Intelligence

Kenya attacks U.S. Congress for interference

The Kenyan government has attacked the U.S. Congress for a letter sent to Kenya Prime Minister Daniel Arap Moi complaining that the pace of political reform is "too slow" in Kenya. The country is currently afflicted with a severe drought and waves of refugees from southern Sudan and Somalia. The congressmen are demanding a full aid freeze on Kenya, whose aid has already been cut.

Kenyan Foreign Minister Wilson Ndolo Ayah told the press that "the 103 congressmen are ignorant of the goings-on in Kenya and do not know Kenyan law. They must realize that Kenya is a sovereign state which must not be bullied into anything." Ayah said that he believed that the congressmen were under the influence of Jimmy Carter's International Democratic Institute and the "Kennedy clan" who, he said, support the opposition. Moi has said that the Project Democracy destabilization of African countries would lead to tribal warfare—a warning being borne out by the disintegration of Somalia.

Lebanon to be sacrificed, charges General Aoun

Lebanese Christian Gen. Michel Aoun warned that Lebanon may be sacrificed to Syria and Israel, in the context of a new "peace accord" in the Middle East, in a commentary in the Aug. 20 French daily *Le Figaro*.

Aoun, who is in exile in France, wrote: "For a long time, I have been denouncing the precursor signs of the placing into liquidation of our country as a nation, as a political, economic, and cultural entity." The "parody" of Syrian-sponsored elections "is occurring at the moment where the Middle East is finally seeing appear the possibility of a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and risks legalizing, in the eyes of the world, the partition of Lebanon between its two neighbors! Will our country be offered, yet again, to Syria, so that Syria accepts a pro-

cess of peace with Israel, just as it had been promised to Syria so that Syria would accept a process of war with Iraq?"

Syrian-mandated legislative elections, scheduled to begin Aug. 23, are being boycotted by the Christian parties.

Aoun wrote that while "16 years of war did not make Lebanon disappear, two years of the peace of the Taif accords have sufficed to ruin the country and to tear apart the attributes of its sovereignty." The Anglo-American-sponsored Taif arrangement of 1989 gave international approval to Syrian hegemony over Lebanon.

After three years of Taif, Aoun said, the economy is ruined, the militias have not been disarmed, the Lebanese Army has been progressively absorbed by the Syrians, nothing has been done for the return of refugees, and "arbitrary arrests, disappearances, and murders" are rampant. "The opening of Lebanon to the western world that had been realized over the ages, in perfect harmony with its Arab surroundings, has been put into question."

Green 'misanthropes' condemning millions

A growing "misanthropy" among western policymakers and populations, particularly encouraged by the ecology movement, is consigning millions of people to death, charged commentator Sarah Benton in the Aug. 17 *Sunday Times* of London.

"Nobody reputable has yet proposed in public that the Somalians be allowed to starve to death, the Ugandans to wipe themselves off the face of the earth through AIDS, and the south Slavs destroy each other as long as they keep their violence to themselves. But that does not mean that people, reputable and disreputable, do not think it in private," Benton wrote. "For many in the West, much of the world's population is redundant."

Such attitudes make it into the public policy arena, seen in the passivity toward AIDS in Africa, and in the proposal by Leeds University professor Maurice King, published in the medical journal *The Lancet*, for denying medical care to sick Third World

children, because of the "population-increasing consequences" of saving lives. Benton quotes an Earth First! article, by-lined "Miss Ann Thropy," welcoming the spread of AIDS: "Just as the plague contributed to the demise of feudalism, AIDS has the potential to end industrialism."

The green movement has "sheltered many a misanthrope," and "green groups have been surprisingly silent," on these crises, she charged. Greenpeace says it has "no guiding principles" on any issue without "immediate environmental consequences," while Friends of the Earth has said "nothing on Somalia, African famine, or East European war."

Maastricht will put Europe under 'new order'

The Maastricht Treaty will subordinate Europe to the "new world order" designs of George Bush against the South and East and will put Europe under the effective control of the International Monetary Fund, warned France's Roger Garaudy, a member of the "Council for Another Europe," in the Aug. 20 *Le Figaro*.

Garaudy warned that Maastricht means "the destruction of the European dream" that had been conceived after World War II by France's Robert Schumann, Germany's Konrad Adenauer, and Italy's Alcide de Gasperi. Unlike that earlier design, which was based on the idea of a "common culture" of Europe, Maastricht places Europe under "the sole imperatives of the market and of money," and submits all activities, in culture, in politics, in agriculture and in industry, to a "Darwinian single European market."

Maastricht will not increase "the weight of Europe," but reduce it to a supplementary military force as it was during the Gulf war. Maastricht means an undermining of "all the efforts of de Gaulle" to escape this fate. The irony, he said, is that Europe has "already proven its impotence to prevent a real war in Yugoslavia, by waiting for an American strike." Europe could find itself dragged into a "military action against the South, or against the East, if the unlimited market

Briefly

● **THE SPANISH** government has no intention of opening embassies in the Baltic states, said Marcos Gómez, a Spanish Foreign Ministry official, in an interview with the Aug. 17 daily *El País*. Relations will be handled by other embassies in Scandinavia.

● **MORE DANES** now oppose the Maastricht Treaty than in the June referendum, a survey published Aug. 17 in the financial Danish newspaper *Borsen* showed. Opposition has risen from 51% in June to 57% now. If the pact means sacrificing the national currency, the Danish crown, to the ECU, only 31% favor Maastricht.

● **CHINA** plans to deploy Chinese into Mongolia. The *Economic Information Daily* in Beijing in August said Mongolia needed a 777,000-strong labor force but had only 648,000 workers. Populating the country with Han would be consistent with the Beijing policy toward Tibet.

● **CATHOLIC BISHOPS** came out against plans by Philippines President Fidel Ramos to restore the death penalty, in a recent letter. "We know . . . how the rich who can literally get away with murder, while the poor have few, if any, to defend them. The ones who will suffer the death penalty will rarely be the rich who have committed crimes, but the poor who have no adequate defense."

● **CITIZENS** Electoral Councils national chairman Maurice Hetherington announced his candidacy for the Australian federal Parliament on Aug. 11 for the Hinkler electorate, heart of Australia's sugarcane industry. Hetherington has made the freeing of U.S. political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche an issue in his campaign.

● **SOUTH KOREA** Minister of Foreign Affairs Lee Sang-ock traveled to Beijing on Aug. 24 to sign a protocol with his Chinese counterpart Qian Qichen to establish diplomatic relations, the South Korean government announced. South Korea is the last Asian country which maintains formal ties with Taiwan.

economy were to meet some obstacles."

International Monetary Fund "adjustment policies" are ravaging the Third World. Now, Europe is threatened with the same problems, he warned.

British royals would be voted 'out of existence'

The antics of the Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, have brought the British monarchy to a crisis of proportions not experienced since the Abdication Crisis of 1936, the Aug. 22 *International Herald Tribune* reported.

Echoing a commentary in the Aug. 21 London *Times*, Harold Brooks-Baker, publishing director of *Burke's Peerage*, the Who's Who of the British aristocracy, stated: "This may not be the straw that broke the camel's back, but it could be the penultimate straw. If it was not for the great respect and affection enjoyed by the queen, if you had a referendum today the royal family would be voted out of existence."

Queen Elizabeth II personally intervened on Aug. 20 to contain the damage caused by latest press revelations of royal family sex romps and infidelity. She criticized the *Daily Mirror* and *The Sun* for publishing pictures of the Duchess of York showing her semi-nude and embracing her new boyfriend, John Bryan. She is currently estranged from Prince Andrew.

A *Mirror* company spokesman said, "The photos are being published all over the world, why not in the one country where it really matters?"

India hits back against Amnesty International

Armed with detailed police accounts, Indian High Commissioner to Britain L.M. Singhvi has launched a counter-campaign against an Amnesty International report on alleged human rights abuses in India. Singhvi has written to British Members of Parliament and others saying the attitude of Amnesty "was lacking in objectivity and its methodology was demonstratively flawed."

The recently released Amnesty report refers to victims' deaths in police stations and police outposts which do not exist. In one case, Amnesty reported that Indian police had supposedly beat someone to death, while in fact this case turned out to be a criminal case in which three persons had beaten someone else to death and the three were arrested.

In another case, Amnesty claimed that someone had died in a jail cell, while the records show the person died of a cardiac arrest while he was in a hospital.

Another alleged torture death was found in the post-mortem to be a victim of meningitis. In Punjab, for example, Amnesty cites the death of Bahadur Singh at the hands of police on Feb. 26. Police records say that no such death occurred.

U.N. soft on Khmer Rouge, says paper

General Loridon, the former second in command of the U.N. military force in Cambodia, left in a bitter mood in July, and a "minimalist" policy toward the Khmer Rouge has prevailed since under Yasushi Akashi, the Japanese head of the U.N. operations in Cambodia, the French daily *Le Monde* reported Aug. 19.

Loridon had advocated a tough policy to force the Khmers to "play the game." Now, the U.N. Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), under Akashi's authority, will not go beyond writing polite letters to the Khmer Rouge to "express regret" for their uncooperative attitude.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia, called the current situation in Cambodia disastrous, in an interview with reporters, Radio Moscow reported Aug. 20. Sihanouk said that it was very unlikely that the Khmer Rouge would give up its battle. He recalled a meeting he attended several years ago of the leaders of the Khmer Rouge and other groups opposing the Vietnam-backed government then in control in Phnom Penh, in which Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping told them to go on fighting for 40-50 years if it were necessary, and eventually they would win. The Khmer Rouge will continue on that path, Sihanouk said.