

# International Intelligence

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## **Senator echoes EIR— Zapatistas aren't Mexican**

In an interview published by the weekly magazine *Siempre!* Maj. Gen. Luis Garfias Magaña (ret.), Mexican Senate Defense Commission chief, pointed to the foreign nature of the Zapatista operation in Chiapas, such as *EIR* has warned from the outset. "These people are trying to get this conflict to be prolonged unnecessarily for publicity effects, both internally and abroad. It has come up with the absurdity of opening a rebel embassy in Paris and there's been an attempt to do it also in Barcelona, Spain," General Garfias said, calling on the Zedillo administration for an "energetic solution" because any delay after 16 months of talks "harms the government's image."

Garfias mentioned the attacks on "a group of congressmen who went to France to give a press conference in Paris," and said that he "was in Madrid last May and saw on the walls of some streets slogans on behalf of EZLN, which means the existence of groups that seek to promote the EZLN fight in Europe."

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## **Bhutto government seeks to quell Mohajirs**

More than 2,000 Mohajirs have been arrested in Karachi and Hyderabad, Pakistan, by paramilitary troops. The government of Benazir Bhutto is currently involved in negotiations with the Mohajir constituency group, the MQM, whose leader Altaf Hussein was recently given official asylum in London by the British government.

Hussein told the London periodical *Asian Age* (July 26 issue): "We are still ready to negotiate, despite these barbaric actions by the PPP [Pakistan People's Party] government of Pakistan, but there is a lot of pressure on us to announce a fresh agitation campaign. The total responsibility will then rest on the government of Pakistan."

In Karachi, Pakistani Rangers and the Frontier Constabulary assaulted Mohajir strongholds in lightning assaults, then cor-

doned off the areas, and proceeded to arrest hundreds of men.

The government approach is to put the MQM under siege while expressing readiness to restore peace in Karachi through talks with the MQM over the modalities of enforcing law and order and over the substantive issues concerning the place of the Mohajirs in present-day Pakistan. The un-governability of Karachi has been the major point of attack against Prime Minister Bhutto.

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## **Split verdict in case of Greenpeace vs. publisher**

A Hamburg state court rendered a split decision in the 80,000 deutschemark lawsuit filed by the transnational giant organization Greenpeace against Böttiger Verlag, a small German publishing company. The July 28 ruling was seen as quite a victory for the small publisher in this unequal match. The Hamburg courts, which recently sentenced a journalist to six months in jail or a DM 500,000 fine for calling East German communist leader Gregor Gysi a "Stasi snitch," are very anti-free speech.

The suit was filed over an invitation sent by Böttiger Verlag to journalists asking them to come on April 24, 1994 to Bov, Denmark, just over the border from Flensburg in Germany, to view a video copy of the anti-Greenpeace film, "Man in the Rainbow," which had been aired in Scandinavia over protests by Greenpeace.

The German State-owned broadcaster Norddeutsche Rundfunk had bought the German rights for more than DM 100,000, but showed no intention of broadcasting the film, feeding suspicions that NDR had spent State-collected television fees in order *not* to broadcast the film.

Shortly before the press conference, Danish TV 2 forbade the publisher to show the film, although the Danish Press Council had cleared the Danish channel of any breach of professional conduct.

Shortly thereafter, Greenpeace issued a fact sheet with pre-coined slanders against the "LaRouche network" and the publisher, mentioning the press conference in Bov. At

this time, a spokesman for the self-professed eco-terrorist organization Earth First!, Mike Roselle, showed up at the Greenpeace headquarters in Amsterdam, to discuss how to deal with the film with GP-International director Sawyer. Roselle praised the use of violence in the film and expressed gratitude for Greenpeace's support of EF! campaigns. Greenpeace then sued Böttiger Verlag.

The Hamburg court found that the statement that the film proves "the collaboration of Greenpeace with the terrorist organization Earth First!" cannot be denied, but the allegation that Greenpeace had "diverted contributions to the accounts of independent organizations which were privately accessible to a tiny number of the top functionaries," was not proven, and the complaint was granted.

The "criminal prehistory of Mr. Greenpeace," founder David McTaggart, which the film referred to, was outdated, the court ruled, and could no longer be held against him. Yet, it could not be denied that he had "built up the . . . organization into a business based on fears over the environment."

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## **Two Presidents seek historic Korea conference**

President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam discussed a plan for the United States to sponsor a peace conference between North and South Korea, during Kim's recent Washington trip, according to a report by the State-owned Korean Broadcasting System (KBS), shown with English translation by ABC-TV in Washington on July 27.

Such a conference, to be modeled on Clinton's Israel-PLO accords at the White House, would be a historic move in the reunification of Korea, the Korean TV station stressed.

Addressing a joint session of Congress on July 26, President Kim, in the United States for the dedication of the Korean War Memorial, called for resumption of the North-South dialogue. "Peace on the Korean peninsula can only take root through dia-

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logue and cooperation between the South and the North," he said. "Without dialogue nothing can be accomplished. . . . I am thus grateful that both the President and Congress have stressed the central importance of the South-North dialogue. . . ."

"The republic's unification policy aims to ultimately make Korea one nation and one state, by gradually restoring a sense of national community through peaceful co-existence, reconciliation, and cooperation with the North. . . . Therefore we are pursuing a joint national development plan, designed to promote mutual prosperity of the South and the North. It is for this reason that the Republic is planning to shoulder the brunt of the costs of providing North Korea with the Korean model light-water nuclear reactors, and play a central role in the project.

". . . . When the day comes that the Korean peninsula finally becomes one nation again, genuine peace and prosperity will finally prevail in Northeast Asia."

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### *Prince rips up illusion of prosperity in Russia*

A joke circulating in the streets of Moscow is used to illustrate the "time of troubles" that Russia is now entering. In a discussion with France's *Le Figaro* on July 27, Prince Vladimir Obolenski tells the joke: "Clinton goes to see God, and asks him, 'When will my people, finally, be happy?' God responds: 'In 20 years.' Clinton breaks out into tears, and runs away. Boris Yeltsin arrives, and asks the same question. God breaks out into tears, and runs away."

Obolenski, who spent his youth in a camp for "children of the enemies of the regime" under the Bolsheviks, uses this anecdote to underscore how he sees the horrifying situation now in Russia: "The State doesn't exist any more. The country is devolving into neo-feudal principalities. Only the criminals are prospering, while the majority of the population is withering away." He says Russia has exchanged the old "iron curtain" for a new "gold curtain. We who don't know how to steal, nor take or give

bribes under the table, we who don't want to participate in the looting of our own country, have again become marginalized, forced to fend for ourselves."

He is not interested in hearing about the real estate boom now going on, or the fabulous wealth of certain banks, or enterprises like Gazprom, which finances the new political party of Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin. He stresses that there are 30,000 homeless children in Moscow alone, that life expectancy for men has dropped from 64 years in 1987 to 58 in 1995, and that, if the new middle class is estimated to be at 30 million people, 120 million Russians are shunted aside.

Obolenski's own solution is a constitutional monarchy, which he claims is the only regime suited to the mentality of the Russians—but not with the current Romanov claimants. He tells *Figaro*, "In the shadows, almost clandestinely, the habits and traditions of old Russia persist. This underground culture is preserved within the narrow circles that bring together some families and friends," mainly descendants of the nobility, or heirs of the old "orders."

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### *Colombia's ELN vows to 'humanize' war*

Manuel Pérez, the chief of Colombia's terrorist National Liberation Army (ELN), issued a communiqué which was reported in the July 27 press in Bogotá, promising that the ELN will henceforth take measures to "humanize the war," by following the Geneva Protocols. No longer, he promised, will the ELN recruit children under 15 years of age, carry out actions which damage the environment, or kidnap only for money. They will henceforth only carry out "political" kidnappings, he wrote. The ELN will also now try not to harm civilians when they attack "the enemy," the letter allegedly promised.

The reported letter reads like a ploy for increased international support from the human rights mafia, but does serve as an admission of the barbaric practices this British-linked narco-terrorist group has engaged in for years.

● **VIETNAM**, following the recent normalization of relations with the United States, formally joined ASEAN, the Association of South East Asian Nations, on July 28, and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev is making the first official visit of a post-Soviet high-level government official to Hanoi.

● **THE AUM Shinri Kyo** group threatened to kill President Clinton, according to the July 8 issue of the Japanese weekly *Gendai Koron*, which cited Japanese police sources. Aum allegedly planned sarin gas attacks in New York and other American cities, including plans to use remote-controlled helicopters in Washington to spray sarin in areas where Clinton is known to walk.

● **THE NGO FORUM** at the U.N. women's conference in Beijing could be cut by as much as one-third, to 10,000, due to obstructions being put up by the Chinese authorities. A U.N. decision-making body in Geneva has also barred 11 groups from attending the NGO forum, reportedly on the basis of "prodding" by China and Iran.

● **EGYPT** and Saudi Arabia started week-long naval war games in the Red Sea on July 25. According to the Saudi Press Agency, the exercises aim at "boosting the capabilities of commanders, officers, and troops in the fields of leadership and control over warships participating in the operations theater." But they are rumored to be a dry run for forcing an eventual embargo on Sudan.

● **FREEMASONRY** is the force which fuels ideological and philosophical liberalism, said Argentina's Cardinal Primate Antonio Quarracino during three discussions on his weekly television show, July 8, 15, and 22. The presentations are related to the fight between the Catholic Church and the Menem government over the effects of Menem's economic program, dictated by the International Monetary Fund.