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China burns dope to mark Britain's Opium Wars

On June 4, Chinese officials in Humen City, Guangdong province publicly burned a huge haul of illegal drugs, to commemorate the 158th anniversary of the Chinese anti-opium campaign, against which Britain retaliated by starting the infamous Opium Wars. Humen officials torched 1,100 pounds of heroin and methamphetamine at a rally in honor of an 1839 anti-opium action in Humen by Lin Zexu, an official of the imperial Qing dynasty.

Lin Zexu, in one anti-drug action, destroyed 3 million pounds of opium by having 500 workers dissolve the raw drug with lime and salt water, and then flush it into the sea. Lin's action so infuriated the British Empire, that it launched the Opium War, and seized Hongkong—which was ultimately ceded to Britain—leading to a century and a half of colonial humiliation for China. Lin, who is now a national hero, believed his action would shame British opium traders, little realizing that they were so shameless, that they would use the destruction of their opium as an excuse for imperial expansion in Asia.

Films, television programs, and even an "Opium War" computer game, are being released in honor of the return of Hongkong at midnight on June 30. A major film has been released, dramatizing the entire history of Britain's Opium Wars.

African rights movement opens in Canada

Dr. Godfrey Binaisa, former President of Uganda, requested the audience at a Schiller Institute conference in Montreal "to spend one minute in silence to mourn for those people who have nobody to mourn for them: And those are the 2 million people, up to date, who have died in this terrible homicide in Congo, in Uganda, in Rwanda, in Burundi. . . . Just one minute, to mourn for these people . . . who have no voice to speak for themselves, but who have perished in this genocide." The conference, which brought together 70 people, many of them from

French-speaking Africa, inaugurated the Canadian branch of the African Civil Rights Movement, which President Binaisa had founded in 1995.

Dr. Binaisa continued: "What we are seeing today in Africa, is what the Europeans saw in Europe in 1938 and 1939. These things were happening in broad daylight. . . . Today, after the Europeans had conquered Hitler, they said, 'Never, never again. This kind of genocide will never happen again in our lifetime.' Now it is happening again, in our midst, in Africa. And none of the civilized countries, none of the educated nations, none of the industrialized nations, is raising a finger to stop this genocide."

Forty years ago, he said, we fought for independence, but even still today, the British deny Africa technology and education. "So, if that is the game," he concluded, "let us also beat them at their own game. Let us unite in a civil rights movement, for the whole of Africa. That is what I am here for."

Baghdad daily calls for Iraq-Iran-Syria alliance

The Iraqi daily *Babel*, which is owned by President Saddam Hussein's son Uday, published an editorial on May 31, calling for the creation of a three-way alliance with Iran and Syria, even though Iraq has yet to resume full ties with its two neighbors. "A normalization between Iraq, Iran, and Syria and the establishment of cooperation among these three countries is capable of changing the balance of power in favor of Arabs and Iranians and bringing peace and security to the region," wrote *Babel*.

In 1982, Syria closed its border with Iraq, along with the Kirkuk-Banias oil pipeline, depriving Baghdad of its only Mediterranean outlet. However, in late May 1997, following the visit to Baghdad of a Syrian business delegation, an Iraqi official said that Syria could decide soon to reopen the border.

The Syrian diplomatic initiative toward Baghdad began after Turkey started its military offensive within northern Iraq against the Syrian-protected, Kurdish Workers Party terrorists. By contrast, Turkish Prime

Minister Necmettin Erbakan's idea has been to establish a four-way alliance comprising Iran, Turkey, Syria, and Iraq, in order to solve the Kurdish problem, address the issue of water distribution, and promote economic cooperation among all the states of the region.

Chrétien squeaks by in Canada's elections

The Liberal government of Prime Minister Jean Chrétien was reelected with a narrow majority in the June 2 polling, in which the regional-interest parties made broad gains in the national Parliament. As a result, the danger of a partitioned Canada is greater than ever, because the country now finds itself without any true political party with Canada-wide representation.

The biggest winner was the Reform Party, based in Western Canada, headed by Preston Manning (known as the "Newt of the North"), becoming Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition (Queen Elizabeth is Canada's head of state), replacing the Bloc Québécois. The Reform Party's hard-line stance toward the separatist Quebec provincial government is designed to isolate moderate Quebecois from the Ottawa government, thereby reactivating the scenarios for the French-speaking province to separate from Canada before the end of the century. That, in turn, is meant to spark the balkanization of North America as envisioned in scenario printouts such as Joel Gareau's *The Nine Nations of North America*.

Ukrainians march against Kiev's pro-IMF policies

The Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine, led by Natalya Vitrenko, a member of Ukraine's Supreme Rada (parliament), issued a statement on June 4, announcing a protest campaign against the Kiev government's knuckling under to austerity dictates by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). "June 6-10, the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine will conduct a march from the regions of Ukraine, to Kiev and the Supreme

'THE DALAI LAMA'S camp is riven by factional struggles that have turned violent, according to the May 22 issue of *Far Eastern Economic Review*. Three of the Tibetan British agent's followers were brutally murdered in their beds by a rival sect, at the headquarters in exile in Dharmasala, India.

THE CLINTON White House announced on June 3 that it would vote in the UN Security Council in favor of allowing Iraq to continue selling oil in order to generate revenues to purchase food, medicine, and other vital goods. On June 1, the UN released a report, based on a fact-finding trip in April, indicating that more than 750,000 Iraqi children are suffering from malnutrition, due to the embargo.

JIANG ZEMIN, China's President, declared his country's opposition to "any sanctions that are imposed on Sudan and are not based on proof or logic," during a meeting in Beijing with Sudan's First Vice President, Lt. Gen. Zubayr Muhammad Salih, on May 31. Jiang expressed China's support for the Khartoum peace accord to end the fighting in southern Sudan.

ISRAELI "Temple Mount" fanatics may revive the provocative effort to rebuild Solomon's Temple on the Jewish and Islamic holy site, using the excuse that, for the first time in two millennia, a red heifer was born in the Holy Land. According to the *London Times*, "some Israelis claim it is the harbinger of the Messiah." One such crazy is quoted: "The red heifer is one of the most important signs that we are living in a special time."

GERMAN GREENS in the state of Hesse are considering giving Britain's environmentalist Crown Prince Charles a consolation prize. After a visit by Charles and his genocidalist dad, Prince Philip, a Green member of the state parliament told the press: "If he [Charles] can't become King of England, because of his all-too-human failings, we will offer him a regency in Hessen."

Rada, under the slogan, 'No to famine! No to genocide!' " it read.

"The march is starting with rallies and marches in the regions, organized by the local units of the PSPU.

"Starting June 7, a united column of PSPU members will march from the city of Yagotin, through the towns of Zhovtnevoeye, Berezan, Borshchev, Bziv, Ivankov, Borispol, and Hora, ending with picketing of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine on June 10, 1997." Earlier this year, on March 18, the PSPU co-sponsored demonstrations against the regime's pro-IMF policy, in which over 2 million people took part in various Ukrainian cities.

Issue No. 7 of the PSPU's newspaper, *Dosvitni Ogni*, covered those rallies on the front page, while inside, the newspaper ran a six-page feature on "Lethal IMF Poison," consisting of interviews and documentation from *EIR* and Schiller Institute experts, and other participants in the February Schiller Institute conference in Washington, among them Dennis Small, Tatyana Koryagina, Maravilia Carrasco, Gabrielle Peutt, Maria Elena Milton, Gail Billington, Max Londoño, and Richard Freeman. *Dosvitni Ogni* also printed the "New Bretton Woods" appeal to President Clinton, co-authored by Dr. Vitrenko and Helga Zepp LaRouche, with the endorsements of 53 Ukrainian parliamentarians.

Angelli refutes 'clash of civilizations' trash

Speaking to a June 4 awards ceremony in Turin, where he presented an award to Tunisian writer Mohammed Talbi, Fiat auto magnate Giovanni Agnelli rejected the notion of a post-Cold War "clash of civilizations" between the West and, variously, Islam or China, that has been popularized by Samuel Huntington. Countering the Harvard geopolitical guru's thesis, Agnelli called for a constructive dialogue with Islam and with China. Addressing the "problematic issue" of China, Agnelli said, "The surprising conjunction of party and market, and the existence of deep contradictions inside the country, push the world to raise questions on the

future of the Chinese regime and society. Especially after Deng's death, equally pressing questions are raised on China's strategy in international politics and, in particular, opinions diverge on the behavior that the other countries must maintain towards it.

"On one side there are the supporters of 'containment,' according to which China has to be approached with distrust and an orientation to contain the threatening growth of the new power. On the other side, there is the party of the so-called 'engagement,' favoring the progressive involvement of China in the world system, confident that strengthening economic and trade ties will reduce political tensions . . . even help develop democracy and the state of law. Personally, I believe that this second option is largely preferable."

Agnelli's company, Fiat, is one of the main partners in the Italian consortium bidding for participation in the various "Silk Road" rail projects.

German doctors turn down 'soft' euthanasia

A majority of delegates to the 100th conference of the German Physicians Association voted the draft guidelines for "death accompaniment" (as "assisted suicide" euthanasia is called in Germany) off the agenda, and sent it back to the association's special ethics commission, to be reworked. Although motions by several delegates for the congress to reject euthanasia outright fell short of a majority, the rebuff to "death accompaniment" represented a victory for the Club of Life, founded in 1981 by Helga Zepp LaRouche, which had led a months-long campaign against the new guidelines.

At the same time, the vote marked a defeat for German President Roman Herzog whose keynote to the physicians endorsed the draft guidelines. Herzog proffered the utilitarian prescription that medical treatment should be based on "what is feasible, rather than what is desirable," outrageously comparing advances in prenatal medicine to "a late triumph of the absurd Nazi idea, to breed the Aryan superman in their *lebensborn* project."