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Israeli drug-linked colonel is indicted

An Israeli Army reserve colonel was indicted by Colombia on May 31 for illegally exporting military equipment, Reuters reports. Col. Yair Klein and his security company Hod Hahanit (Spearhead) have been charged in news reports with training Colombian drug lords. Klein came under scrutiny a year ago when a U.S. television network showed pictures of him giving paramilitary courses in Colombia. The TV identified his clients as members of the Medellín drug cartel—a charge he denied.

Klein insists he was training cattle farmers to fight off communist guerrillas. The indictment, without mentioning drugs, said Klein gave unauthorized services to the "Organization of Cattle Ranchers." It said he provided early detection devices normally used by airlines and airports, and special night vision equipment. Recently Klein was linked to a shipment of guns to the Caribbean island of Antigua which ended up on the ranch of a slain Colombian drug baron. He said he was trying to set up a security training school on the island.

Israel's defense ministry has authorized some 800 companies to deal overseas in arms and security, but complained to police that Klein did not have a license to export military technology. Colombia issued warrants for Klein's arrest and extradition on charges of criminal conspiracy, but Israel said it would not comply because the two countries do not have an extradition treaty.

Satanism on the rise in South Africa

The commander of the South African police force's Child Protection Unit, Captain Leonard Solms, gave an extraordinary briefing to the press on the rise of satanic cult behavior in the country, according to reports in the *Jerusalem Post* of May 21 and *Die Welt* of May 26.

Captain Solms said he was following

active leads about satanic cult behavior in 10 schools in white areas of South Africa. At these schools, there were cells of Satan-worshippers, performance of black masses, homosexual orgies, and death threats. There is evidence of cats being sacrificed, and their blood being drunk. There is also evidence of whole families being involved in satanic-cult cells, in which children are forced to engage in sodomic acts with dogs and goats.

At least 11 cases have been uncovered, of newborn babies being sacrificed and eaten in satanic rituals. *Die Welt's* correspondent in South Africa says this is believed to be "only the tip of the iceberg." According to Agence France-Presse, dozens of babies are being bred for such sacrifice.

Die Welt reported that a 32-year-old South African man, wearing a mask, told reporters, "I have drunk human blood, I have drunk animal blood." He stated that he had been recruited, as a young criminal, into a satanic cult whose "high priest" is a "high-ranking figure" in the South African Establishment.

KGB tried to organize coup in Czechoslovakia

The Soviet KGB tried to organize a "reformist communist coup" in Czechoslovakia, which backfired at the last moment and resulted in Vaclav Havel becoming President, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported on May 30. The documentary was based on findings of a Czech investigative commission and on evaluations given by Havel himself.

According to this information, the KGB, acting in collaboration with Gen. Alois Lorenz, head of the Czech STB secret service, had set in motion a plan, in late 1988, to dump the hardline communist government and replace it with a "Gorbachovian" government led by Gorbachov's old Czech crony Mlynar, living in exile in Vienna. Labeled "Operation Wedge," this plan also involved infiltration and manipulation of Czech opposition groups.

A few days before the Nov. 17, 1989

confrontation between demonstrators and police in Prague, Lorenz met with top KGB officials in the city, and arranged a scenario to implicate the police in a violent incident and to bring down the government. Integral to this, was the faked "death" of student Martin Smid on Nov. 17. In actuality, "Smid" never died, but an STB operative pretending to be Smid simulated dying, to have his "corpse" carried away in an ambulance.

Everything was working according to plan. But when Mlynar was approached at the last minute, he refused to become head of a new government. Beyond this, what the KGB-STB combination did not count on, was the popular acclaim which swept Havel to power.

Continuing communist threat to Europe seen

Father Werenfried van Straaten, founder of Aid to the Church in Need, warned of a continuing communist threat to Eastern Europe, in an interview published in the May issue of the Vatican-linked magazine *30 Giorni*.

"Above all I am concerned about the ease with which the communist parties are eliminating those individuals whom they view as too politically compromised, and now useless, and are changing their own names from 'communist' to 'socialist,'" he said. "The men involved, however, remain the same; They are people who have always supported communism, either because it provides their livelihood or because they really believe in it. All these people could enter the Socialist International—whose honorary president is still, let's not forget, Willy Brandt—*en masse* and provide a European socialist front totally infiltrated by communists. This is a grave danger for the new Europe that is emerging."

He also warned that reforms in Eastern Europe may be short-lived. "I'm afraid that under the influence of this excessive trust in Gorbachov, it is possible some people will delude themselves into thinking that the problems are now solved. I will simply say

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that the communists in China began their reform five years before Gorbachov, but when things went too far, Stalinism was reinstated."

Soviets propose new 'Congress of Vienna'

The Soviet Union is proposing a new "1815 Congress of Vienna" scheme for Europe, within the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), and the idea is receiving support from various Western and Eastern European official spokesmen.

Speaking at a news conference in Paris on May 31, Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernández Ordoñez said he had received a letter from Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, outlining Moscow's plan for setting up a new European security system. "Shevardnadze's idea is to convert the CSCE into what could be called a structure to safeguard European peace. He wants the creation of a Greater European Council, grouping all the heads of state that would meet once a year. A separate foreign ministers' council would meet once or twice a year, and there would also be a permanent secretariat."

Senior Gorbachov political adviser Valentin Falin on June 3 floated the idea of a "pan-European Security Council," which would include U.S. participation and have its own army, as the security basis of a new Europe and a reunited Germany.

Bronfman set up talks for Bush and de Maiziere

East German Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere will visit New York and Washington this month at the invitation of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), which is headed by Canadian liquor baron Edgar Bronfman. He will meet with President Bush and U.N. Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar. It will be the first visit to the United States by a top East German leader.

A WJC spokesman said de Maiziere was scheduled to meet Bronfman and other Jewish leaders on June 10 in New York and to go to Washington June 11. The WJC has invited de Maiziere to continue talks started in Berlin on German-Jewish reconciliation.

As *EIR* has reported, Bronfman is scrambling to protect himself from growing criticism within the world Jewish community over his support for the former East German communist regime (*EIR*, May 11, 1990, "Bronfman traded 'whiskey for Holocaust' to Reds").

British seek to renew ties with Syria, Iran

British diplomats are involved in round-the-clock talks with Syrian and Iranian emissaries to negotiate a spectacular reestablishment of relations, which were broken over the role of Damascus and Teheran in promoting international terrorism.

Unconfirmed reports circulating in Teheran on June 2 said that Iran may cancel the death sentence it proclaimed in 1988 against Salman Rushdie, the British author of *The Satanic Verses*. The reports were greeted by Thatcher as a "significant olive branch"—although they were officially denied by the Iranian government. British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, who has been touring the region, has made statements about the need to respect Islamic beliefs, falling just short of acknowledging Rushdie's work as an "insult against Islam," which is what Teheran is requesting.

It is expected that a British parliamentary delegation may go on a fact-finding mission to the Middle East in the coming weeks, to pave the way for better relations.

This flurry of diplomacy comes in the wake of the U.S. Presidential Report on the terrorist bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland, released in May, which failed to mention even once Syria and Iran as potential sponsors. The release of the report is understood as the closing of the final chapter concerning the terror act, meaning that the United States will not seek retaliation against any countries.

● **LECH WALESZA** has nominated the Baltic nations for a Nobel Peace prize. The Polish Solidarnosc leader, himself a Nobel laureate, said that giving them this award would end the international "conspiracy of silence" against the Baltic states.

● **RIOS MONTT**, the Guatemalan evangelical crazy whose 1982 coup and 16-month rule was a joint Israeli-U.S. intelligence project, has launched a presidential campaign which threatens the country with a constitutional crisis, which forbids former coup leaders from running.

● **THE WARSAW PACT** will meet for two unscheduled sessions to discuss the German question, beginning with heads of state and government plus foreign ministers in Moscow on June 7, and then defense ministers on June 11-15 in East Berlin.

● **THE SOVIET** republic of Moldavia on May 31 recognized the right of Lithuania to be independent. "The Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Moldavia unconditionally recognizes the right of the Lithuanian and other peoples to self-determination and the creation of an independent state," the resolution said.

● **EAST GERMAN** communist party funds are now under government trusteeship, following a vote of the parliament on May 31. All parties will have to document that their income is of legal, democratic origin. The parliament also decided that the state emblem of the communist regime, the hammer and compass, must be removed from flags and official buildings.

● **DMITRI YAZOV**, the Soviet defense minister, wrote in the Armed Forces newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* on June 3 that reforms of the Soviet military "must be planned and carried out in such a way that they do not damage the armed forces' defense capacity and battle-readiness."