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Kaifu wants to deploy Japanese troops to Gulf

Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu sent to the Diet on Sept. 19 a rush bill to permit deployment of Japanese troops to the Persian Gulf, Kashmir, and six other hot spots in the supranational U.N. Peace-Keeping Operations (PKOs), UPI reported. If passed before the Diet recesses Oct. 4, it could lead to the first deployment of Japanese troops overseas since World War II—in the service of the Anglo-American new world order.

There were riots in the streets when Kaifu proposed sending troops to Iraq last November; he backed down and his government almost fell. Japan's Constitution specifically forbids the use or threat of force abroad in settling disputes; Japan's armed forces are mandated exclusively as a Self-Defense Force (SDF).

The "peace clause" is deeply popular in Japan, because of the tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Most Japanese believe that Japan has a mission to warn humanity about the danger of thermonuclear holocaust.

The PKO troop bill explicitly allows the prime minister to deploy troops at will without consent of the Diet. Clauses promising that Japanese troops will only be deployed where cease-fires are in effect and will use firearms only in self-defense are not credible.

Kaifu's move followed a personal visit by former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in Tokyo Sept. 1-10. Henry Kissinger also met with Kaifu in Tokyo early in September.

Beijing scores zero in Hong Kong elections

In Hong Kong's first-ever popular election on Sept. 15, the pro-Beijing candidates won no seats. The election itself was a farce, since only 18 of the 60 seats on the Legislative Council are going to be elected (the rest are appointed by the colonial government or by selected business groups). As a result,

only 39% of the electorate voted, but they voted overwhelmingly against the pro-Beijing candidates, who had received ample lobbying support from the P.R.C.

Martin Lee, the head of the United Democrats, who have led the campaign against Hong Kong's planned 1997 incorporation into China, and whose party won 16 of the contested 18 seats, was quoted by Reuters: "The sun will go down in shame on the 30th of June 1997 over the way the British have sold us down the river. We will be handed back to a repressive communist regime . . . without having any meaningful democracy in place." China's *People's Daily* called Lee a counterrevolutionary, one of the most serious charges in the Communist Party's vocabulary. But his popularity has grown in Hong Kong.

Asked about the collapse of communism in eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, Lee said: "The Pope recently said communism is at an end, and of course he is infallible."

Theology of Liberation joins Eco-92 campaign

The Peruvian "father" of the Theology of Liberation, Gustavo Gutiérrez, is embracing the ecology movement as part of his contribution to a "theology of liberation of nature."

At a Sept. 16 conference on "The Theology of Nature," sponsored by the Goethe Institute in Lima, Gutiérrez—a friend of pornographic writer Mario Vargas Llosa and of free enterprise advocate Hernando de Soto—introduced German theologian Jürgen Moltmann. Moltmann, a member of the Christian Reformed Church as well as the "Christian-Marxist dialogue," proceeded to call for revising the concept of the Trinity, and characterized the June 1992 Earth Summit in Brazil ("Eco-92") as the most important development for humanity since the Declaration of the Rights of Man 200 years ago. The German theologian is reportedly going to be a speaker at the Rio conference.

During a press conference, Moltmann told *EIR* that he thought the United Nations should intervene militarily against na-

tions—like Brazil—which "mistreat" the ecology, and added that the era of national sovereignty was over. He later denied that he had said this.

Bonner says Gorbachov directed coup 'theater'

Yelena Bonner, the widow of Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov, charged in a recent Russian television interview, concerning the Aug. 19 attempted coup in Moscow: "I am ready to take an oath that Gorbachov was the director of the theater." This was reported in the London *Guardian* of Sept. 18, in a piece by Martin Walker reviewing the various "conspiracy theories" about the putsch.

Walker began by making light of a Polish television story that was broadcast soon after the Gorbachovs returned to Moscow during the week of Aug. 19, which claimed that Raisa Gorbachova was the chief architect of the coup. The Polish program asserted that she had been having a secret love affair with Interior Minister Boris Pugo, had been compromised by KGB film-footage of her naked romps with Pugo, and had eventually come to propose that Pugo coordinate a putsch.

After making light of this, Walker said that some credence was lent to it by Soyuz leader Viktor Alksnis, who told the Soviet media that he believed that Pugo's "suicide" was a phony, implying he was killed to shut him up.

One British source familiar with the Russian situation told *EIR* that he wouldn't dismiss the Polish television account out of hand: "There was a lot of jiggery-pokery in all of this, and we haven't heard the real story yet. Don't discount some involvement by Raisa."

It's a crime to whistle at Beijing University

Expressions of public dissent such as booing, whistling, and unauthorized gatherings will be banned after Oct. 5 at Beijing Uni-

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versity, the campus which was the center of the 1989 democracy movement, as well as several other such movements in history. So will bottle smashing—a Chinese way of protesting against “paramount leader” Deng Xiaoping, 87, whose given name sounds the same in Chinese as “little bottle.”

According to a Reuters report, these acts are deemed “behavior that corrupts public morals” in an official notice posted at the university.

Included in the list of banned activities are hugging, kissing, holding hands, and putting one’s arm on another’s shoulder. Violators will be criticized, reeducated, fined, or even subject to legal action. The regulations make all staff and students responsible for stopping and criticizing all violations of the “above-mentioned uncivilized behavior.” At Beijing University, all new students must undergo one year of military-controlled indoctrination and training at Shijiazhuang Military Academy outside the capital before beginning their studies.

In a related development, the Beijing government made some slight concession to foreign pressure and released imprisoned democracy leaders Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming from solitary confinement in September. With massive world attention on the life-threatening conditions imposed on the longtime leaders of the democracy movement, China made the concession of removing Wang to a hospital to be treated for his hepatitis-B, while Chen was moved into the regular population of the prison. Both men have ended their hunger strikes.

Shining Path in drive against Catholic Church

Some analysts in Peru estimate that with the recent assassinations of foreign Catholic priests, the Shining Path narco-terrorists are determined to put an end to all foreign assistance which the Catholic Church channels especially into poorer sectors of the population. Especially in remote areas of the country, the Church’s food and social assistance programs are often the only real help the

poor receive, particularly since the government of President Alberto Fujimori is determined to rigorously implement the International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) austerity conditionalities, no matter how many die as a result.

The archbishop of Piura, Msgr. Oscar Canturias Pastor, recently charged that at the behest of the IMF, Fujimori had reduced by 50% all public financial allocations to the poorest areas of the country—which also happen to be the ones under attack by Shining Path.

Among other things, Shining Path’s vicious campaign of murdering priests is an effort to eliminate Peru’s strongly Catholic cultural matrix. In the areas of the country it controls, the terrorist group prohibits the celebration of Christmas. It has also repudiated the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the evangelization of America. The group is circulating pamphlets attacking the event, and its spokesman in Spain has announced a boycott of all activities, inside Peru and abroad, having to do with the 1992 celebration, which it terms genocide against Indian cultures.

Syrian-Saudi-Iranian defense pact under way

The Jordanian newspaper *Al-Ray*, citing authoritative Arab sources, reported on Sept. 12 that the governments of Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Syria are preparing to sign a collective defense and security pact. The paper said that the Egyptian government of President Hosni Mubarak is strongly opposed to the arrangement.

Other sources in the region report that the deal was brokered by the United States, which has now concluded a 10-year basing arrangement with Kuwait, and which is preparing similar arrangements with Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates. The purpose of the overlapping arrangements is the creation of a modified version of the 1950s CENTO pact, by which the United States and Britain dominated the region. Today, Iraq provides the pretext for the new arrangements.

● **THE TURKISH** government has extended the stationing agreements with the western Gulf war task force by another three months, referencing the unsettled “Kurdish issue” as the main reason. The agreements were set to expire at the end of September. The stationing agreement with the U.S. Air Force for using Incirlik Air Base in eastern Anatolia had already been extended by Ankara.

● **SUDAN** has offered to supply Iraq with anesthetic gas, which is in short supply in Iraq because of U.N. sanctions, the official Sudan news agency, SUNA, said on Sept. 19. Khairy Abdel-Rahman, undersecretary in the Health Ministry, made the offer to the Iraqi ambassador to Khartoum. “The health of the Iraqi citizen is a direct responsibility of the Sudanese Ministry of Health,” Abdel-Rahman told him.

● **THE MONGOLIAN** legislature ordered senior officials to quit all Communist Party membership by Sept. 3. President Ochirbat signed the law and quit the CP himself, along with the rest of the cabinet. They were elected last year in the first free elections for this once Soviet-run nation.

● **ALI AGCA**, the man who tried to kill the Pope in May 1981, identified his accomplice, Oral Celik, in a police lineup this September. For some years, a Turkish citizen, held prisoner in France, had been suspected of being Celik; now, the French authorities permitted him to be transferred temporarily to Rome, where Agca recognized him. On Sept. 23, Celik was also identified by a businessman whose identity is being kept secret by the Italian magistracy.

● **CROATIA’S** churches, parishes, and monasteries have been intentionally destroyed, with malice aforethought by the Serbian Army, charged the Croatian Franciscans in a message to the U.N. and to European heads of state.