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Opposition spokesman: Iran to get nuclear bomb

At a press conference in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 6, Alireza Jafarzadeh, a spokesman for the Mujahedeen opponents of the Teheran regime, declared that Iran is determined to build a nuclear bomb. He said since the Chinese President Yang Shangkun visited Teheran the end of October, Chinese-Iranian cooperation has increased, with China agreeing to help Iran get enriched uranium and the technology to produce it.

He also said that Iran has Chinese Silk-worm missiles, and can produce its own, as well as having ballistic missiles with a range of 1,000 km.

He showed a videotape of what he described as a five-hour military parade of the anti-regime National Liberation Army. He said the army would go into action "sooner than you would think."

Toward a Giscard-Le Pen alliance in France

The word is out in Paris that a deal has been struck between former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and National Front leader Jean Marie Le Pen for an alliance in the upcoming elections. The coalition would be based on an ugly mix of anti-immigrant racism and anti-human environmentalism.

Giscard created a scandal a few weeks ago, when he said, in a discussion of France's immigrants, that only "blood" could define nationality. Count Michel Poniatowski, Giscard's former interior minister, who a few years back had called for an alliance with Russia against the hordes of hungry people from the South, has given full support to Giscard's statements, and is calling for an electoral alliance with Le Pen.

Le Pen, in an effort to win over the green vote, has decided to campaign against nuclear power. At a colloquium of the National Front in southern France Nov. 2-3, he stated that nuclear power is a "danger" and that "a less dangerous energy must be developed."

"At the National Front we respect life

and love animals," he told the assembled supporters. "I myself have a white rat that I kiss every day."

Also at the colloquium, Bruno Megret, the number-two leader of the National Front, contested the right of the traditional green parties to be the spokesmen for the environmentalist cause, since they are guilty of "having accepted a massive immigration, transforming our cities into Arab cities."

"Why fight for the preservation of animal races," continued Megret, and "accept, at the same time the principle of elimination of human races through a generalized crossbreeding? . . . We don't want to be the mammoths or the pandas of the human species."

Maxwell's staff thinks he was 'bumped off'

Although the Spanish judge investigating the death of publishing magnate Robert Maxwell said there was no evidence of foul play, at the *Daily Mirror* of London, Maxwell's main newspaper, the word was that "people think he has been bumped off," the *Guardian* newspaper reported on Nov. 6.

Amid reports that his publishing empire is £2.2 billion in debt and that Maxwell Communications Corp. shares had collapsed to an eight-year low before trading in them was suspended on Nov. 5, the *Independent* newspaper reported that it would have been extremely difficult for Maxwell to have "fallen overboard" from his huge yacht, the *Lady Ghislaine*, as Spanish authorities have claimed. Maxwell holdings shares had been sinking in recent weeks, but plummeted sharply the day before Maxwell's disappearance was announced. It is reported that Goldman Sachs, a large shareholder, did the dumping. Indications that Maxwell was facing a "severe financial crunch" emerged, the *Independent* reported, when members of his staff were ordered to the Canary Islands, where he was cruising, to take communications from the yacht. Maxwell was reportedly shuttling funds from one account to another to meet payments.

London boating experts said that, given the good weather in the Canary Islands the night Maxwell disappeared, it would have only been possible for him to have fallen overboard if he had been extremely drunk or very sick. Even in rough weather, given the yacht's high railings and size—it is one of the biggest private yachts in the world—it would have been "pretty difficult" to fall overboard, the *Independent* reported.

Return of Imelda Marcos: 'memories of Peronism'

The return to the Philippines of former First Lady Imelda Marcos "was a political triumph which evokes memories of Peronism," the London *Times* fumed in its editorial on Nov. 5. Ten thousand people turned out to welcome Mrs. Marcos's return from exile after six years, and she was greeted with banners and signs calling for her to become the next President of the Philippines.

President Corazon Aquino's term, during which she has totally discredited herself in office by the continued collapse of the Philippine economy, is up in six months, and new elections will be held. The next presidential election—whoever runs—"will now be fashioned in the Marcos mold," the *Times* complains. "More and more extravagant language will be applied to a fight over less and less. What was once the most promising economy in Southeast Asia will slip further down the hill in a manner reminiscent of Argentina under Perón."

Will Mexico's Salinas eliminate the PRI?

Reforms by the Mexican government of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari could lead to the demise of the ruling PRI party, replacing it with the "Solidarity" apparatus which Salinas has created to mobilize votes among poorer sectors of the population, according to the Nov. 8 *Financial Times* of London.

There has been a concerted international campaign against the more traditional sec-

Briefly

● **THE KGB** financed the prestigious left-liberal German weekly *Der Spiegel* for 30 years, according to former KGB Gen. Oleg Kalugin. During the investigation of the August coup, top-secret interrogations of leading participants were printed in *Der Spiegel*. Kalugin testified at a meeting of the Russian Procurator General and the Ministry of Internal Affairs to track down the source of the leak.

● **THE MILAN** cultural magazine *Il Nuovo Meridiano* published a special issue on music early in November, with five pages dedicated to the proposal of "U.S.A. economist and politician" Lyndon LaRouche for lowering the concert pitch to the scientific "Verdi tuning" of C=256. The proposal has a great deal of support among opera singers worldwide.

● **GRAND DUKE** Vladimir Kirilovich Romanov, pretender to the throne of the Russian czars, told a press conference in St. Petersburg that he wants to rule over *all* of the former Soviet empire. "I think it would be more profitable to try to hold together all parts of Russia, or the Soviet empire. Once the situation calms down, I think the wish to separate may get smaller or disappear," he said.

● **OLD TIMERS** in the armed forces of the People's Republic of China are pushing for military actions against Taiwan, the Hong Kong paper *Cheng Ming* reported Nov. 1. Yang Shangkun and Yang Baibing, in the Central Military Commission, with strong support from Vice President Wang Zhen, are calling for a blockade of the Straits of Taiwan.

● **THE HAITIAN** government ordered the arrest of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Nov. 8, along with four other officials of the former government. They are charged with the murder of opposition figure Christian Democrat Sylvio Claude, who was tortured and lynched before the Sept. 30 coup.

tors of the PRI, labeled the "dinosaurs," for months. The *Financial Times* reports that the government's planned reforms "would weaken the traditional pillars of PRI support . . . [and] hasten the PRI's departure (in its traditional guise) from Mexican politics." PRI officials "say their aim is nothing less than to create a citizens' party. . . . Rumors that Mr. Salinas will abandon the PRI have circulated since he took office."

Some of Salinas's close allies have suggested that the country's traditional institutions, such as the trade unions and the Church, are no longer viable and should be destroyed. Solidarity, which spent millions prior to the recent elections to finance electricity and other services to guarantee votes for Salinas, is the social control apparatus through which the government intends to operate.

Arabic paper charges U.S. plot in Mideast

Behind the Mideast "peace" conference in Madrid, the U.S. and Israel are involved in an "IMF conspiracy," the London-based Arabic newspaper *Al Hayat* reported. The Oct. 23 article exposed secret U.S. efforts to split the Syrians from the Palestinians prior to the peace conference, which concluded on Nov. 4.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, according to the article, attempted to induce the Syrian government to change its position on the timetable for multilateral/regional talks and agree to holding these talks 14 days after the beginning of the conference. The Palestinian/Jordanian and also Syrian position has been that participation in such talks be deferred until tangible progress has been made with regard to Israeli withdrawal from the Occupied Territories and to Palestinian rights.

According to *Al Hayat*, "The United States offered Syria the return of the Golan Heights in full," if Syria agreed to proceeding with multilateral talks without solving the Palestinian problem.

The paper notes that "Israel's aim at the conference is to control Arab resources in

order to exploit its waters, capital, and cheap labor, and to set up regional projects that suit the IMF's vision of the Middle East's future and do not serve the national interests of the region's people."

Meanwhile, the Iranian daily *Ettelaat* reported on Oct. 14 that the World Bank is attempting to establish dictatorships throughout the region. It says that for Bush's new world order, "western-style guided democracies" are preferable for maintaining stability, but in nations "where there are immense political schisms and deep social injustices," the World Bank "calls the capitalist world's attention to the need to set up dictatorships."

OAS delegation gets hot reception in Haiti

The delegation from the Organization of American States that arrived in Haiti on Nov. 10, to order the Haitian military to surrender power to former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, was met by angry demonstrators protesting the worldwide economic embargo that is starving their country to death.

They were also greeted by a hard-hitting interview televised from the other side of the island, the Dominican Republic, attacking the OAS for intervening in Haiti on behalf of the racist and genocidalist policies of the new world order. The half-hour program was an interview with *EIR*'s analyst on Caribbean and Central American affairs, Carlos Wesley, in Washington, and it was broadcast on prime time. The show reached certain areas of Haiti.

A source in Santo Domingo reported that viewers were particularly impressed by Wesley's exposé of the role of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the genocidal intent of the embargo. "When [Wesley] cited Ghana's ambassador to the U.N. saying, 'Why don't they forgive the country's \$3 billion debt?' everyone agreed," said the source. "And they were also very impressed when he pointed out that the leftist Aristide had just agreed to sign a deal with the IMF shortly before his overthrow."