

Geneva gatherings will fund WWF mass murder

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As *EIR* has recently documented, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF, formerly the World Wildlife Fund), with British Royal Consort Prince Philip as its international president, has been carrying out genocide against black Africans and other peoples of the southern hemisphere. On Nov. 28, Prince Philip's WWF mob will be making a killing of a different sort. On that date, in Geneva, Switzerland, perhaps the biggest fundraising event for the WWF since its founding in the early 1960s will take place. The expected massive new revenues will go a long way to ensuring new slaughters against the non-white populations of the globe.

The chief event will be at Geneva's Victoria Hall, a British concert hall that is commemorating its 100th anniversary on Nov. 28. The concert is being officially sponsored by the British consul general in Geneva, Philip Priestley, and all profits will go to the WWF's secretive fundraising arm, the 1001 Nature Trust (formerly the 1001 Club). The concert will reportedly be conducted by pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy, and 1,400 guests are expected to attend. Whether Ashkenazy is aware of the nature of the cause for which he is lending his talents, is not known at the time of writing.

On the same evening, Prince Philip will be speaking before a dinner for 400 guests at the Foyer du Grand Théâtre. Reportedly, one of the featured events will be an auction of precious jewels, donated by Cartier and others. Again, all proceeds will go to WWF-1001 Trust combine.

Priestley has recruited some notable sponsors for the events. These include the Swiss branches of three of Britain's most prominent banks, including Coutts, one of the institutions that has traditionally handled the royal family accounts; London's Kleinwort Benson, one of those most involved in "privatization" scams in western Europe; and the British Bank of the Middle East (BBME). Swiss interests involved include Pictet and Lombard Odier banks, and the Swiss Omega and Rolex watch companies. Support is also coming from seedy banker Edmond Safra, a financial patron of the U.S.-based and organized crime-linked Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and from Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Picciotto; Edgar Picciotto is the chairman of the Union Bancaire Privée of Geneva. Picciotto bought up Safra's Trade Development Bank interests in the early 1990s, under circumstances that remain a mystery.

Kleinwort Benson and, even more, BBME, are part of that cabal of British financial institutions that have been in-

strumental for decades in the financing and promotion of the international drug traffic. BBME was founded in the late 19th century as the royally chartered Imperial Bank of Persia (later Imperial Bank of Iran). In 1960, it was 99.5% purchased by Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. In 1973, HongShang bought the full 100% of BBME, which now has its headquarters in Hongkong. A recent list of BBME's "London Advisory Committee" included members of the drug trafficking-related Keswick and Swire families; HongShang Chairman Michael Sandberg; the late Sir Philip de Zulueta of Rio Tinto Zinc and the Trilateral Commission; Viscount Weir; Lord Rawlinson; and others. BBME board member Henry Neville Lindley was formerly chairman of the opium trade's Jardine Matheson bank, and has been a board member of HongShang in recent years. Details of these and related matters may be found in the best-selling *EIR* book, *Dope, Inc.: The Book that Drove Kissinger Crazy*.

There is also an "honorary committee" for the gala Nov. 28 extravaganza. This includes Edgar and Mrs. Picciotto; top representatives from such Swiss banking families as Pictet, Lombard, and Oltramare; the Aga Khan; former General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade director Arthur Dunkel; former United Nations Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuellar; leading representatives of the American Heinz family; leading Greek shipping families like Livanos; Lord and Lady Yehudi Menuhin; and others. Also, various unidentified "prominent people from the Geneva area" are involved in preparations for the event, according to WWF and 1001 Trust sources.

The Geopol connection

Among those named, Picciotto's connections to a suspect Geneva-based "consulting" firm called Geopol should be mentioned. A top figure in his Union Bancaire Privée is one Pierre Hafner. Hafner is a board member of Geopol. The board also includes an arms trafficker named Helmut Raiser of the Krupp von Bohlen interests, and a certain disreputable character named Laurent Murawiec (based out of Paris). Geopol has recently been the subject of exposés in German-language publications in western Europe. The Geopol grouping is at the center of various dirty intelligence activities, as well as operations against Lyndon LaRouche and associates.

The 1001 Nature Trust was founded as the 1001 Club by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands in 1971, as a funding mechanism for the WWF. Today, Bernhard is "member 1001," sitting atop a grouping of 1,000 oligarchical bigshots from all over the world, each of whom pays a \$10,000 initial fee which goes toward a multimillion-dollar trust to bankroll WWF operations. If one dies or disassociates himself from 1001, a replacement is voted in. The head of 1001 Nature Trust is Princess Tatyana Gorchakov, of the Russian Gorchakov clan. Further documentation on its activities can be found in *EIR*'s Oct. 28 *Special Report*, "The Coming Fall of the House of Windsor."