

to launder and legitimize their illicit wealth, investing in it is also a hedge against inflation. . . .

Macro-economic perspective

On a macro-economic level, the amount of drug money entering Colombia has affected the monetary and fiscal policies currently being pursued by the government. Prior to 1992, Colombian citizens were not authorized to hold U.S. dollar accounts, and the only exceptions to this rule were import-export businesses. However, in January 1991, as a result of the *Apertura* program, the government liberalized and/or eliminated many foreign exchange controls. Currently, Colombian citizens and all types of businesses are authorized to hold U.S. dollar accounts. Consequently, hundreds of millions of dollars worth of drug-related U.S. currency has been flowing into Colombia. . . .

Drug money from cocaine markets overseas has been entering the country disguised as foreign investments. Foreign businesses and/or private institutions established by Colombian cartels or their associates, have been "legitimately" investing drug profits in the public and private sectors of Colombia's economy. Most economic activities from infrastructure development to stock market investment have been tainted by the proceeds of drug sales from all over the world. . . .

Conclusion

If the government of Colombia continues to allow exports to decrease, a major source of the country's legitimate revenue will decrease. At the same time, if the government of Colombia continues to allow the substitution of export revenue with revenue from illicit sources, and does not address its attention to the influx of illicit proceeds, Colombia's entire economy will become vulnerable to volatile changes in the drug industry. Colombia may be the first country to become economically dependent upon the drug-trafficking industry. Although the injection of drug money into the economy may have a short-run positive effect, in the long run, economic dependency on this illicit source of income will have a serious detrimental effect on the social, economic and political sectors of the nation and will weaken regional stability. As drug-generated proceeds become the primary source of revenue, the country will become increasingly susceptible to the influence of criminal elements.

Ultimately, the criminal kingpins in Colombia will have, if they do not already, significant influence on the Colombian government's decision-making process. Critical economic and legislative decisions will be affected in favor of protecting and increasing the assets of the drug kingpins, regardless of the implications these pose to the country. Unless the Colombian government enacts and strictly enforces money-laundering and asset-forfeiture laws, the drug kingpins' activities and influence will spread throughout the region and elsewhere, threatening to destabilize the Colombian government and other governments throughout the region.

Prince Philip's mob begins new offensive

by Mark Burdman

On Nov. 28, a major fundraising event for Prince Philip's World Wide Fund for Nature and its fundraising arm, the 1001 Nature Trust, took place in Geneva, Switzerland. All proceeds from a concert at Geneva's Victoria Hall, which featured the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy and an audience of some 1,500, were donated to the WWF (formerly the World Wildlife Fund). Co-patrons of the concert were the British Royal Consort, who is international president of the WWF, and Otto Stich, president of the Swiss federal government. Later, a gala dinner of 500 guests was held at Geneva's Foyer du Grand Théâtre, with Prince Philip presiding. Some of the leading banks and financial institutions helped sponsor the day's events.

Meanwhile, leading figures in the British "wildlife lobby" launched a mobilization in the U.K. to promote their policy of reducing non-white populations in favor of "wildlife." These individuals have been identified in the *EIR* Oct. 28 *Special Report*, "The Coming Fall of the House of Windsor," as key operatives of the British Crown's "conservationist international." The *EIR* report exposes the British Crown's use of "conservation" and "nature reserves" as vehicles for carrying out genocide around the world.

On Nov. 26, Dr. Richard Leakey, who was chairman of the Kenya Wildlife Services until 1992, gave a speech to the Royal Geographical Society in London. The meeting was organized by Britain's "Friends of Conservation" group. Leakey spoke of "the conflict between wildlife conservation and economic development," warning that governments in many African countries were coming under increased pressure to allow agricultural expansion and economic development that have harmful effects for wildlife. Measures have to be taken to ensure that wildlife and "wildlife tourism" were seen to be benefitting "local people," he said.

On Nov. 27, John Aspinall, a gambling casino magnate who has liberally funded "wildlife-zoological" movements, wrote a letter to the London *Observer*, defending himself against charges that he preferred animals to human beings. Aspinall has become the center of a storm of controversy, following an incident in which one of the tigers at his private zoo mauled and killed its trainer. Aspinall explained the event thusly: "There are a million humans for every tiger. . . . One of the rarest animals in the world is a great keeper and Trevor [Smith, the trainer who was mauled by the tiger Balkash] was one of those. His life had a high value, but he knew . . . that

wild species must come first, though, and indeed because, the bulk of the rest of humanity thinks otherwise."

Aspinall described his philosophy: "Unlike Vice President Al Gore, I stand by what I said long ago about the grotesque overpopulation of the world. When I wrote *The Best of Friends* more than 20 years ago, 'the vast human overburden' stood at 3.5 billion. This 'redundant biomass' has now swollen to approaching 6 billion. By 2050, demographers foresee a population of 9-10 billion." He quoted the late Sir Julian Huxley, who founded the WWF on behalf of Prince Philip in 1961: "If an intelligence viewed this planet from the outer cosmos he would regard man's uncontrolled growth as cancerous and all-consuming."

Further defending himself against the charge of being "prehistoric," Aspinall quoted the late gnostic-pagan psychoanalyst Carl Gustav Jung: "We are not made by the present, least of all by the future, but by the past and the remote past at that." Continued Aspinall: "Prehistory encompasses 99.9% of all human experience, is the seat of instinct, the womb of experience and the fount of memory."

He further stressed: "I love my animal friends and intimates in the same manner and in the same intensity that I love my human friends. . . . My fortune, such that it is, was built upon the success of human relationships and then deployed in the protection of wild species."

Aspinall is an intimate of the Anglo-French operator Sir James Goldsmith. The *EIR Special Report* section entitled "Who's Who in Prince Philip's Allgemeine SS," exposes him as a financier of the Friends of the Earth ecologist group and as a founding member of Survival International, the group which presumes to defend "primitive peoples" like the Stone Age Yanomami tribe in Brazil.

Over the same Nov. 26-27 weekend, Sir Laurens van der Post, spiritual guru to Prince Charles and a promoter of the ideas of C.G. Jung in Britain, launched a new campaign from London, to "protect the world's wildernesses." He has founded a group called "The Wilderness Trust."

The effects of an exposé

This conservationist offensive might be more a defensive reaction to the effects of the *EIR* exposé. Sources have reported that the *EIR* report has been intensively read and studied by several hundred elites in and around the "Club of the Isles," the powerful oligarchical organization in which the British monarchy plays the role of "primate among parasites."

One Scottish source said that the report has hit a raw nerve among Britons who have read it, with many saying that Lyndon LaRouche's comments on the institutional-historical crisis erupting around the British monarchy are on the mark. Others said the *EIR* report had exposed sensitive British operations that the British secret services would have preferred be kept out of the public eye. He said the report could have repercussions in catalyzing a renewed scrutiny of British intelligence operations in various nations.

Pope: 'Science must serve human life'

by Paolo Raimondi

"Respect for human life has rational motivations which explain universal agreement on the fundamental human right to life. Indeed, for man, it is not *one* among others, but rather *the* basic right." With these words, Pope John Paul II concluded a three-day conference dedicated to the fight for and protection of human life. The conference, held at the Vatican over Nov. 24-26, brought together 2,000 people from over 100 countries. It was organized by the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers, with the theme, "Homo Vivens Est Gloria Dei: To Know, Love and Serve Life." (The Latin translates: Living Man Is the Glory of God.)

Cardinal Fiorenzo Angelini, president of the Pontifical Council, made clear during every session that the conference themes were inspired by the pope to carry forward an offensive against every type of neo-malthusianism, in the wake of exposing the genocide plans drawn up by the United Nations at its Cairo conference on population in September.

Science and faith as allies

Pope John Paul II centered his remarks on proving that science and faith do not contradict each other, but, on the contrary, are the strongest of allies in the defense of life. "The questions dealt with in the course of this conference," he said, "have further confirmed that the extraordinary results obtained by science, such as the progressive discovery of a genetic map and increasingly precise information on the sequence of the genome, not only do not contradict, but rather support the church's doctrine on the sacredness, inviolability, and grandeur of human life. The church, for her part, invites us to look confidently at the most lofty mission of science and encourages every form of research which is respectful of man's dignity, for she sees in what we could term the inexhaustible capacities of intelligence the reflection and imprint of the intelligence of God. At a time when human life is experiencing such serious and dramatic aggressions, the church, by virtue of her pastoral mission, feels the duty to support scientific research in the awareness that faith and science interface in that wisdom wherein God's design fully unfolds.

"Science and faith do not exhaust their relationship in the realm of the 'abstract knowledge' of the mystery of life,"