

International Intelligence

Schiller Institute member addresses S. Africa group

Schiller Institute member Philemon Sekoatle received a warm reception when he presented Lyndon LaRouche's ideas to 100 people at a meeting sponsored by the Evaton Development Forum outside Johannesburg on Jan. 9. The meeting was called to mobilize against the African National Congress-led government's announced plans to privatize many of South Africa's State industries, particularly in infrastructure.

The meeting was attended by local citizens' groups, the Pan African Congress (PAC), the African National Congress, the African Christian Democratic Party, Cosatu (the nation's major trade union confederation), and other organizations, including many local teachers. Although there were a half-dozen speakers, by mutual agreement among the organizations present, Sekoatle was the featured speaker, addressing the meeting for two and a half hours.

Besides criticizing privatization as a "Conservative Revolution" attempt to return South Africa to feudalism, Sekoatle presented LaRouche's triple curve function (see **Figure 6**, in our *Feature*), to demonstrate why the British oligarchy was desperate to loot South Africa and other countries. He elaborated on how the queen dominates all precious metals worldwide, and that the British Commonwealth was still the old British Empire. "Why should we go back into this organization?" he demanded. (South Africa quit the Commonwealth in 1961, but rejoined after the ANC took power.)

Philippines smashes Hongkong drug network

Philippine authorities in Manila smashed a major Hongkong "triad" drug network on Jan. 21, in what Interior Secretary Rafael Alunan told the press was "the biggest single seizure recorded so far in the history of anti-narcotics operations in the Philippines," according to wire service reports.

Alunan reported that 600 grams of "ice," or "shabu" (methamphetamine hydrochloride), valued at \$10.7 million, was seized from three suspects at Manila airport, following a tip that Hongkong triads planned a major delivery. The three included Malaysian Choo Yeh Leong and two British nationals, Wong Kwok Leung and Chik Chi Ping. The group's ringleader, a Chinese national named Cheng Ting-lun, was killed in a pre-dawn gun battle with authorities while en route to deliver drugs that had been brought ashore from a foreign ship.

Alunan said that Cheng was the "third most-wanted drug lord" in the Philippines, and that the two British citizens were top triad members.

Anti-Narcotics Command Director Rex Piad said the operation had "destroyed the pipeline of shabu smuggling," which would affect the entirety of drug smuggling, but "there are still other pipelines that we are trying to destroy."

Cheng was the fourth foreign drug trafficker killed in the last nine months. Two Nigerians and a Chinese were killed last year. At least 45 foreigners are in prison in the Philippines for drug trafficking; one, a Japanese, is facing the newly passed death penalty for trafficking.

How Afghan mujahideen got into Chechnya

An undisclosed number of Afghan mujahideen are reportedly fighting on the side of Gen. Dzhokar Dudayev's Chechen forces. *EIR* investigations reveal they were first brought into the area in the early 1990s to aid Azerbaijan forces then fighting the Armenian efforts to reunite with Nagorno-Karabakh.

British aid to Azerbaijan in the form of arms, training, and supply of mercenaries, including mujahideen, became known in January 1994, when the British Foreign Office admitted to knowledge of such activity. The main firm serving as a commercial cover for this aid has been the British-registered Summit Ltd, based in Northern Cyprus. Lord Erskine of Rerrick, a retired military officer, has admitted to his involvement in the British press. He was Lonrho's managing director in Iran, when the firm helped coordinate the British side of the "Iran-

Contra" operations.

In 1991, the Azerbaijan government negotiated a contract with Gen. Richard Secord and David Kimche to train its army. Secord had been a top figure in providing illegal arms to Ayatollah Khomeini; Kimche, the former director general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, had been his Israeli counterpart. By 1991, Kimche had retired from official government service, and was a consultant to Lonrho, as well as to Shaul Eisenberg, the Mossad Asia specialist, who was investing on a large scale in Central Asian "cotton production." Secord was to coordinate the training of 5,000 Azerbaijan troops for use in commando missions against Armenian forces in Nagorno-Karabakh. Kimche was to arrange for the Israeli military to provide training in both Azerbaijan and Israel.

To provide cover for the operation, the Azerbaijan government hired MegaOil USA of Marietta, Georgia, and Ponder Industries, of Alice, Texas, purportedly to provide technical services for its oil industry. Secord was nominally hired by the firm.

Despite two changes of the Azerbaijan government, by 1994, an estimated 1,000 to 3,500 former Afghan mujahideen had also been brought into Azerbaijan.

It is ironic that Dudayev, who is using these mujahideen for terrorist operations, had been the Soviet Air Force general who first began the systematic bombing of Afghan civilians during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Club of Budapest joins zero-growth crowd

In an interview with the Munich daily *Süddeutsche Zeitung* published Jan. 19, senior Club of Rome member Ervin Laszlo says that it has become so "boring" for people to constantly hear the same warnings about coming ecological catastrophes in the way this is usually done, that this method "no longer works. Therefore, I founded two years ago, a complementary organization to the Club of Rome, the Club of Budapest."

The Club of Rome is the oligarchist organization of politicians, economists, and scientists, founded 25 years ago to promote zero-growth ideology. The Club of Budapest

is made up of "artists, authors, and philosophers," the Hungarian-born Laszlo explained. Half of these have "big names," including the Dalai Lama, Peter Ustinov, Elie Wiesel, and Lord Yehudi Menuhin.

Asked how the world can pass to the stage of "an ecologically friendly communications society" of the type he recommends, from its previous industrial stage, without the complicating problem of the developing nations wanting industrialization, Laszlo averred: "I don't think that these countries must go through an industrial phase. One doesn't unconditionally need heavy steel production. . . . The socio-biospheric system can not withstand this. If China goes through everything that we, in Europe and North America, have gone through in this century, there will be, within ten years, an ecological collapse. From this standpoint, it is necessary, that the underdeveloped countries go immediately from pre-industrial technologies to post-industrial technologies, and work more organically, biologically, and socially."

'Third Rome' alliance emerging in Russia?

In a full-page feature spread on Jan. 22, the French daily *Le Figaro* profiled the growing strength of the Russian Communist Party, including the increasingly warm cooperation between Gennady Zyuganov's Communists and the "Holy Mother Russia" proponents around the Russian Orthodox Church. Before the Dec. 17 elections, Zyuganov had gone so far in "bending over" to Orthodox Patriarch Aleksii II, that one could say that the earlier Communist slogan "Proletarians of the world, unite!" has been replaced by "Patriots of Holy Russia, unite!" the paper commented.

Le Figaro focused on the activities of the Russian magazine *Spiritual Heritage*, which is oriented toward the "Third Rome" ideology, which envisages Moscow as the capital of a "third and final Roman Empire." It has received some 300 contributions from various Russian intellectuals since its founding in the late 1980s. Its director, Podberyozkin, used to advise former Vice President Aleksandr Rutskoy, including during the bloody

showdown between President Yeltsin and Parliament in October 1993, but he then found Rutskoy to be "too anti-communist" and broke the tie. Later, he advised the Skokov-Lebed Congress of Russian Communities, but now finds them to be "an empty shell."

So now, he has gone over fully to cooperation with the Communist Party, affirming that they are most able to fight the "systematic political weakening of the State under the Yeltsin reforms." Podberyozkin told *Figaro* that he doesn't care what label is put on him, as long as an alliance is formed in Russia that can "assure the restoration of the Russian State." He works closely with the CP-linked *Sovetskaya Rossiya* daily, in mutual "self-defense" against the destruction of the State. Podberyozkin said that *Spiritual Heritage* was set up as part of a cooperative venture with the U.S. RAND Corp., "but the Americans tricked me," and the deal was broken.

Prince Bernhard's Nazi past confirmed

The Nazi past of Bilderberg Club founder Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, repeatedly exposed in *EIR*, has been further confirmed by the Dutch Canadian paper *De Krant*, of Dec. 23, 1995. The text reads in part:

"Prince Bernhard seems to have been a member of the German Nazi party, NSDAP. The prince, now 84 years old, has always denied being a member of the party.

"He became a member in 1933 and only resigned from the party, one day after becoming engaged to Princess Juliana in 1936. He did this with a letter, signed with the words 'Heil Hitler.' Four months later, one day after his marriage to Princess Juliana, in January 1937, his resignation became official.

"The Dutch government in 1948 tried to get Prince Bernhard taken off an American list of members of the NSDAP, with the argument that the prince only became a member in order to get his pilot's license. The Americans however, left Bernhard on the list, even though the information was not made public."

Briefly

THE SOCIALIST International's European Section met in Reith, Tyrol on Jan. 25-27, upon an invitation of the Austrian Socialist Party, to discuss the crisis of the welfare state and the labor market.

NATION OF ISLAM head Louis Farrakhan was quoted from Monrovia, Liberia on Jan. 18 calling on blacks to form a united front to fight discrimination. "It's time that black people regardless of being Christians or Muslims understand the importance of being united for a common goal," he said. Minister Farrakhan is on an African tour.

CARDINAL Agostino Casaroli, the former Vatican secretary of state, in a TV documentary on his career in mid-January, said he was convinced that Mehmet Ali Agca did not act alone in his 1981 assassination attempt on John Paul II in Rome.

TEN NATIONAL leaders of the Anti-Defamation League, the notorious U.S. organized-crime front posing as a civil rights group, went on an eight-day mission to the Middle East to meet with government officials in Saudi Arabia, Israel, Egypt, and Gaza in November, according to the ADL's December 1995 newsletter.

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Paul Keating was in Malaysia Jan. 20, and met five hours with Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed. Keating is playing a key role in the new "Commonwealth" push of the British in Asia. Previously, Mahathir had been, on the surface at least, the chief opponent of the new, Asian face of Australia.

LUIGI EINAUDI, the Kissingerian State Department envoy, monitored talks between the foreign ministers of Peru and Ecuador over the Jan. 20-21 weekend in Lima. His presence is a sure guarantee that the border dispute, and perhaps a renewed war, will remain on the front burner. Sources in Peru say Einaudi is practically living there now.