

# International Intelligence

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## ***ICFTU president calls for LaRouche exoneration***

In a lengthy interview which appears in the Oct. 6 issue of the weekly newspaper *New Federalist*, Leroy Trotman, president of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and general secretary of the Barbados Workers Union, denounced the policies of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank toward developing-sector nations. "I believe that the IMF and the World Bank were not established for developing countries. I don't think they were developed for the Third World, for Africa or the Asian countries. I think they were established to be part of a system of maintaining a master control, maintaining a kind of empire, European empire, over developing countries. So, I accept Mr. LaRouche's contention that the IMF and the World Bank were not established—in my own view—for development in the masses of people," Trotman said. He also recounted the successful fight that he was involved in leading, when Barbados rejected IMF conditionalities policies.

On Lyndon LaRouche, Trotman said, "As I understand it, Mr. LaRouche was imprisoned in circumstances where there was no basis for the imprisonment. I thought, and still do, that in such circumstances there should be an exoneration. . . . My understanding is that his view, my view, is that if we are going to be able to have people at the center of development, rather than money and profit at the center of development, then we need to have as many strategic alliances as are possible."

The interview was conducted at the recent AFL-CIO biennial conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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## ***Iran bombs Brit-backed MKO terrorist camps***

Iranian jets bombed encampments of the British-backed terrorist group Mujahideen e Khalq (MKO) inside Iraq on Sept. 29. In a communiqué to the UN on Oct. 2, Teheran said its action was in "immediate response to attacks by heavily armed terrorist groups

against Iranian territory," and that "this defensive operation was solely aimed at the terrorists and their bases, and was not intended against the Republic of Iraq." Iran's letter reported that the MKO had carried out two cross-border attacks in the early hours of Sept. 29.

Historically, the Mujahideen e Khalq is led by a bunch of Sorbonne Maoists, who ran the most brutal phase of the killing spree in Iran, in the aftermath of the British overthrow of the Shah in 1979. After a terrorist campaign of summary executions and assassinations, the group split with Mullahs, citing communist principles, and fled to Iraq. The MKO, with headquarters in London, is patronized by the British government, and falls under the control of Lord Avebury. During this year's Labour Party conference, Overseas Development Minister Clare Short proffered a motion in support of the "Iranian people's resistance," i.e., the MKO. The resolution asked London to initiate a "firm" European Union policy toward Iran, including imposing new conditions, for the return of EU ambassadors to Teheran. It also calls for UN sanctions against Iran.

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## ***Constantinople Patriarch making 'ecologist pitch'***

Greek Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople Bartholomew is bringing his "ecologist Christianity" pitch to the United States in mid-October, with the backing of Vice President Al Gore and the U.S. center of ecological gnosticism, New York's Cathedral of St. John the Divine. According to the London *Financial Times* of Oct. 4-5, Bartholomew was a featured speaker at a week-long seminar of "400 scientists, philosophers, and priests, spiced by a handful of Islamic, Jewish and Hindu intellectuals," aboard the luxury Black Sea ferry *El Venizelos*, prompting the *Times* to comment that "Constantinople is outpacing Rome," in the embrace of ecologism.

The *Times* advised that "we westerners should watch this Bartholomew," who will begin a three-week trip to the United States on Oct. 19, and "will be received at the White House." Bartholomew is extremely close to

Prince Philip, and Philip's World Wide Fund for Nature has been working with him on various projects, including for having Mount Athos in Greece be put forward as an "ecological model region"—unbathed monks and all.

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## ***Pakistan favors better U.S.-Iran relations***

According to the Pakistan daily *Dawn*, President Sardar Farooq Ahmad Khan Leghari proposed normalization of U.S.-Iranian relations, in an Oct. 4 address to a delegation from the ECO News Agencies, in Islamabad. "Pakistan will advise its American friends to normalize its relations towards Iran, by removing sanctions against it," he said. The ECONA conference included delegates from the news agencies of the ECO members, Iran, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan, while Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan were represented by their embassies in Islamabad.

Responding to a question from Mohammad Khodaddi of the Iranian news agency, IRNA, who is also ECONA's secretary general, Leghari said, "no country, howsoever powerful, has authority to impose sanctions against any independent country." He said Pakistan wished that the UN charter were respected in dealing with all member countries, and said it was opposed to the imposition of economic sanctions.

The very useful proposal made by Pakistan comes in the context of energetic lobbying by Iran, for relations with the West, especially the United States, to be normalized.

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## ***Australian MP sacked, exposed top pedophiles***

New South Wales State Member of Parliament Franca Arena is expected to be expelled from the state parliament, following allegations she made on Sept. 18 that the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, and Justice James Wood had all colluded in a cover-up of a high-level pedophile ring during Justice Wood's recently concluded Royal Commission investigation into pedophilia, which essentially uncovered nothing. Because of

**ROBERT GELBARD**, President Clinton's emissary to the Balkans, arrived in the region on Oct. 3, for talks with Serbian, Croatian, and Bosnian leaders. Gelbard met on Oct. 2 with Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, and had a meeting the next day with Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic. On Oct. 6, he met with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

**MARGARET THATCHER** convinced Australian media magnate Rupert Murdoch, who owns the *Times* of London, to back the Labour Party's Tony Blair as prime minister in Britain's last elections, according to an Australian TV broadcast last month. The discussion took place at a dinner arranged by Thatcher's Conservative successor, Prime Minister John Major.

**BAHRAIN'S** government reported on Oct. 1 that it plans to try eight Bahraini revolutionaries residing in Britain. Three of the eight have been charged with establishing an organization aimed at overthrowing the government by force. They are also charged with collaborating with an unspecified country to carry out acts against Bahrain's national interests.

**TRANSPARENCY** International, the international "anti-corruption" gestapo established by Prince Philip, held its eighth international conference in Lima, Peru in mid-September. The conference drew representatives from 70 countries, as well as the World Bank's James Wolfensohn, who plays a central role in making "anti-corruption" campaigns a condition for World Bank loans.

**RED CROSS** representative Ole Groenning blasted the fact that "certain countries are using food as a political weapon, which is horrifying," in respect to international efforts to relieve the famine in North Korea. Speaking in Pyongyang on Oct. 3, he said, "Next year, the international community will be forced to deliver 2.5 to 3 million tons of food to the country, or there will be mass starvation."

Mrs. Arena's allegations, Premier Bob Carr has been forced to establish an inquiry into her claims, which is due to report to Parliament by Oct. 24, after which it is expected that Mrs. Arena will be expelled.

However, the Chief Justice of New South Wales, Murray Gleeson, has refused to provide a judge to hear the inquiry, and the government has been forced to appoint a retired judge from the Northern Territory. One of Arena's key charges was that the Royal Commission ignored the allegations of pedophilia among N.S.W. judges. Last year in Parliament, Arena had publicly questioned why the Royal Commission had not investigated a prominent Supreme Court judge, David Yeldham, who was known to be involved in pedophilia since at least 1980. Shortly after, Yeldham committed suicide, and Arena came under attack.

The widespread predictions that Arena will be expelled points to the extent of the cover-up: Justice Terrence Cole, who was originally appointed to hear the inquiry, before Gleeson intervened, was a friend of Yeldham's, who had shared chambers and played tennis with him. A top-secret report issued in mid-September by the Australian National Crime Authority, and obtained by *The Sunday Age*, estimated that up to 5,000 known or suspected pedophiles operate across Australia and are responsible for molesting up to 40,000 children each year, in a ring that extends to Manila and Bangkok.

## *Narcos attack head of Colombia's Armed Forces*

Gen. Manuel Bonnet, the head of Colombia's Armed Forces, was the target of a bomb attack by narco-terrorists in the city of Santa Marta on the morning of Oct. 2. His five-car convoy was hit by high-powered explosives, packed into three car tires alongside the road, which were detonated manually from a point close to the highway. Bonnet's car was destroyed, although he escaped unharmed, as did the other members of the convoy.

General Bonnet, who favors the disastrous dialogue with Colombia's narco-terrorists, was asked at a press conference later,

how the attack would influence a future "peace process." Bonnet replied angrily, "There is no such process. There is only a unilateral initiative by Colombia's government and society. The criminals haven't replied. They have only responded with bombs."

Gen. Harold Bedoya, the former Armed Forces chief who opposes dialogue, and who was sacked by narco-President Ernesto Samper, commented that the assault "demonstrates the decomposition in which the country finds itself," adding that Colombia is totally "out of control." He called on citizens to use all means within the law, to protest "against a government which has ceased to govern, and has forgotten its constitutional duties of controlling public order."

## *EIR responds to slander of LaRouche in Italy*

The Milan daily *Corriere della Sera* printed the following letter from Claudio Celani of *EIR* on Sept. 28, under the headline, "LaRouche's Thinking": "The article 'A Ring in Hong Kong,' published in *Corriere* on Sept. 22 on p. 8, contains defamatory statements. Lyndon LaRouche, founder of *EIR* magazine, who is said to have supplied 'the poison' on George Soros to Malaysian Premier Mahathir, is not 'hyper-reactionary,' nor does he support 'the theory of the Jewish-Masonic plot.' LaRouche identifies himself fully within Judeo-Christian thinking, and is located in the historical tradition which has given the United States Presidents such as Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Kennedy.

"A biography of Enrico Mattei recently published in Italy, *The Great Challenge*, places the figure of LaRouche next to that of the founder of ENI. LaRouche thinks that the financial speculation which Soros represents is a cancer which can easily be eliminated. It is ironic that the first person to recently propose a 'Bretton Woods for 2000,' which Cingolani [*Corriere's* foreign editor] himself supported on the front page of *Corriere* on Sept. 16, was LaRouche, with a call to President Clinton which has been signed by over 600 personalities from around the world."