

# International Intelligence

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## ***New Zealand pro-dopers push legalized cannabis***

A battle is brewing in New Zealand over the push by the British Empire to legalize marijuana and hemp. Citing recent moves in Australia and Britain to decriminalize marijuana, the Drug Policy Forum Trust released a report recommending that the New Zealand government regulate and tax cannabis, putting it on the same footing as alcohol and tobacco. This, they lie, would protect public health by minimizing cannabis abuse and eliminating the black market.

Another report, covered in the *New Zealand Herald*, promoted the ravings of Anita Roddick, the founder of The Body Shop and an associate of Prince Philip's World Wildlife Fund, who had written a letter to Prime Minister Jenny Shipley suggesting that New Zealand follow Europe and grow hemp for fiber production, and especially for the hemp seed oil, which supposedly is good for skin care.

There has been strong opposition to this push by several prominent Maori elders, who have attacked the call by the Maori Council chairman, Sir Graham Latimer, for the government to decriminalize cannabis. Most outspoken was the Minister of Maori Affairs, Tau Henare, who said that the idea was "bloody ludicrous." "For a supposed knight of the British realm . . . to say these sorts of things worries me. I think he has lost the plot," Henare said.

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## ***EIR, Schiller Institute invited back to Poland***

Following a conference in Warsaw and intense private discussions in early April, representatives of *EIR* and the Schiller Institute were invited back for further interviews and meetings. On May 8, Anno Hellenbroich, European representative of *EIR*, was invited by some Polish parliamentarians to brief them on the global financial crash and the necessary alternative of Lyndon LaRouche's New Bretton Woods proposal.

The meeting was pulled together by members of the opposition party PSL,

which has the largest party membership in the country, with a mainly agricultural base. Seven parliamentarians engaged in a two-hour dialogue with Hellenbroich and the chairman of the Polish Schiller Institute, Anna Kaczor Wei. One deputy, a former prime minister and treasury minister, grilled Hellenbroich on the \$140 trillion global derivatives bubble, asking whether he understood aright that this bubble of fictitious value would have to be cancelled in order to effect an orderly financial and monetary reorganization.

On May 11, the new Polish Catholic daily *Nasz Dziennik* published an interview with Mrs. Wei, who outlined LaRouche's analysis of the strategic and cultural paradigm shift over the last three decades, from the Cuban missile crisis, through the decision of the financial oligarchy to abandon scientific and technological progress, and finally the oligarchy's determination to reduce 95% of the world's population to serfdom, as espoused by British geopolitical scribbler Lord William Rees-Mogg. She also focussed on the necessity for nations to return to systems of national banking, which would allow Poland, for instance, to rebuild its industrial economy.

The appearance of the interview breaks a long, dark night of "self-censorship" by the Polish mass media, dominated by foreign influence, including that of George Soros. *Nasz Dziennik* is said to be widely read by Polish Americans.

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## ***Economic aid to support Northern Ireland peace***

"Economic growth and job creation" are the "solvent to most social problems," former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell told a press conference in Washington, D.C. on May 13, as he described the 22 months of talks which culminated in the "Good Friday" Northern Ireland peace agreement. Mitchell, who was President Clinton's emissary to the peace process and who ultimately chaired the talks, made an impassioned plea for Americans to support the agreement, which will be voted on in all of Ireland, north and south, on May 22.

President Clinton announced on May 7

that, in order to "bolster the foundations of peace," he is sending a high-level U.S. business delegation to Northern Ireland, in June, led by U.S. Commerce Secretary William Daley, to promote direct investment.

Mitchell emphasized the need for investment, telling of his first trip to Belfast in 1995, when community leaders told him, "There is a direct correlation between unemployment and violence." He said the "figures are shocking" on those "who've grown up, lived . . . and died in Northern Ireland, without ever having held a job. That has to change."

The climate for a "yes" vote on the accord was enhanced on May 10, when a majority of Sinn Fein party members endorsed the peace agreement, including a change to the party constitution allowing for Sinn Fein representatives to take seats in a new Northern Ireland assembly which will be created if the accord is voted up.

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## ***Neo-con Anglophiles hold conference in Turkey***

The New Atlantic Initiative (NAI), which sports Baroness Margaret Thatcher and self-professed British agent Henry Kissinger among its leadership, held a strategy conference in Istanbul on April 30-May 4. The choice of Turkey was not without its irony: Among the discussion topics was the European Monetary Union, which is a sensitive issue with the Ankara government, whose membership in the European Union was finally rejected after its application was pending for 10 years.

Other topics of the event included:

- A panel entitled "From the Balkans to the Middle East: Turkey's Role in Regional Stability and Security," whose participants included former U.S. Rep. Steven Solarz (D-N.Y.), who has built up a reputation as an Asian affairs expert. During his tenure in Congress, he played a role in destabilizing U.S. allies, just as Frank Wolf (R-Va.) and Chris Smith (R-N.J.) do today.

- A seminar on "Broadening the Atlantic Perspective: The Politics of Oil, Water, and Pipelines," chaired by neo-conservative Joshua Muravchik, of the American Enter-

**ROLAND DUMAS**, president of the French Constitutional Court, was officially informed that he is under investigation on charges of corruption, and restrictions have been placed on his travel. Many political figures are urging that he resign from the country's highest court. It was under Dumas, that the court made the unprecedented decision that the government would not reimburse LaRouche ally Jacques Cheminade for his Presidential campaign expenses.

**JAPAN'S** Emperor Akihito will pay a state visit to Great Britain on May 26-29, where he will be awarded the Order of the Garter, Britain's oldest and highest chivalric honor, by Queen Elizabeth II.

**GEORGIAN** security chief Vakh-tang Kutateladze ordered security measures in Tbilisi to be intensified, to counter a possible third assassination attempt against President Eduard Shevardnadze, Interfax reported on May 5. Deputy Interior Minister Demuri Mikadze and several others were fired that same week, for incompetence in reacting to and investigating the Feb. 9 mortar attack on Shevardnadze's motorcade.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA** National Narcotics Bureau director, Father William Liebert, announced on May 1 that a UN study found at least 23 out of every 100 Papuans were addicted to marijuana. The study also found that P.N.G. cannabis was among the most potent in the world and readily available on the international market. Father Liebert also said that "dirty money" from drugs sales was being laundered through financial institutions.

**ISRAELI** hard-liner Maj. Gen. Shaul Mofaz was named as the new Chief of Staff of the Israeli Defense Forces, after a lengthy factional struggle. The other leading candidate, General Vilnai, who had been the choice of the outgoing Chief of Staff, Gen. Lipkin Shahak, is expected to leave Netanyahu's Likud, to join the Labor Party.

prise Institute and the NAI's NATO Working Group.

- A panel called "Clinton, Blair, Schroeder: What's the Big Idea?" chaired by neo-con *wunderkind* John Podhoretz, an editorial staffer with Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post*. Podhoretz founded Murdoch's news weekly the *Weekly Standard*, a smear-sheet against Clinton.

- A panel entitled "Democracy and Islam" was co-chaired by Michael Ledeen, a former State Department official. Since the early 1980s, he has been a puppet-master behind the "Temple Mount" fanatics in Israel and their "Christian" Armageddonist backers in the United States. Ahmad Chalabi of the Iraqi National Congress, an anti-Saddam British front also spoke.

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## ***Flamigni releases book on Moro assassination***

Italian Sen. Sergio Flamigni released his new book, *Parallel Convergences*, on the 20th anniversary of the murder of Christian Democratic leader Aldo Moro, who was kidnapped in March 1978 by the Red Brigades terrorists, and assassinated on May 8 of that year. Flamigni's book expands on the exposé he provided for *EIR* (April 3, 1998), proving the complicity of Italian law enforcement agencies in not freeing Moro, while the country was gripped for months by the terrorists' "strategy of tension."

The book includes new revelations, including that the Red Brigades were infiltrated by secret service agents, well before the kidnapping. *Parallel Convergences* reveals that the secret service owned 20 apartments in the same building on Via Gradoli, where the Red Brigades had a major hideout. Despite this, police authorities rebuffed all attempts to have the building searched, even claiming the street did not exist.

In addition, secret service agent Francesco Marra has released a witness statement declaring that he had infiltrated the Red Brigades as a commando. Flamigni has received a report from one of Marra's superiors, former intelligence officer Antonio La Bruna, who indicated that Marra had been deployed by Carabinieri Gen. Francesco Delfino, who himself was arrested only a month

ago, for complicity in a recent kidnapping operation. It appears that Delfino was in charge of a network of both terrorist and Mafia-Camorra "informants," whom he used as go-betweens in his own dirty activities with these circles.

The book has provoked an outburst from former President Francesco Cossiga, who was Interior Minister during the March-May 1978 terror wave. When current Vice Premier Walter Veltroni remarked that "many people are in the know, but they are not talking," Cossiga accused him of being a "conspiracy theorist." Flamigni pointed out to the daily *La Repubblica*, however: "I think that Cossiga betrays himself. He was the one who brought certain people to the leadership of security forces," referring to the security and police department heads who were members of the secret Propaganda-2 masonic lodge.

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## ***EC bureaucracy ignores N. Korea plea for help***

If you are starving, don't bother asking the European Union Commission bureaucracy in Brussels for help, points out the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* of May 4: In May 1997, the government of North Korea asked the European Commission to deliver 50,000 tons of beef for its starving population. The request was put into the waste basket, because Brussels has no diplomatic relations with Pyongyang. Five weeks later, Brussels advised Pyongyang through back channels to direct their request to UN World Food Program (as though the WFP's Catherine Bertini had not regularly pleaded to the world's nations for food for North Korea).

In June, a North Korean official approached European Parliamentarian Erich Riedl (CSU), who intervened in Brussels, and also asked his government in Bonn to put pressure on the EC. No matter. In February, Brussels rejected the pleas, although European beef stocks have been rising steadily since the scare over Mad Cow disease and an overall drop in beef consumption. Stocks are far above the 50,000 tons that North Korea has asked for, and much of it will have to be destroyed as its storage time limit is passed.