

International Intelligence

Abalaka To Speak on HIV Vaccine at Conference

Nigerian surgeon Dr. Jeremiah Abalaka will give the first scientific presentation on his new vaccine, which he says can cure human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and can also prevent it, at an international conference in Lagos. Dr. Abalaka has been emphatic that he makes no claim that the vaccine can cure AIDS, which is caused by HIV. The U.S.-based Fund for International AIDS Research and Education has invited him to deliver a scientific paper on his treatment procedure during an international conference on HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis at its Lagos conference. The event, which begins on June 8, is meant to provide a forum for discussions about new prevention strategies and treatment modalities for TB and AIDS, from clinical trials in Africa.

According to the Lagos daily *Vanguard*, Dr. Abalaka's paper, "Effective and Safe Vaccines; Our Approach and Experience," was provided to the Fund's headquarters in San Antonio, Texas. It was unanimously approved for presentation by its 27 board members, made up of Fellows of the American College of Physicians, and researchers at the University of Texas Health Center.

Livingstone Aide Blasts Prince Philip's Racism

The chief adviser on race relations to London's new Mayor Ken Livingstone denounced Prince Philip as an "unreconstructed racist," and called for the British monarchy to be abolished, in an interview with the *Sunday Telegraph*, which ran as its lead article on May 7. Kumar Murshid, described as one of Livingstone's closest friends and a key figure in the new administration, told the paper: "Prince Philip is a waste of time. I have never heard him say anything particularly useful on any subject. And he says things which indicate that he is, frankly, an unreconstructed racist. He gives the image of being very arrogant and also fairly ignorant, which is worrying if you are talking about the father, or perhaps grandfather, of the future king."

The *Sunday Telegraph* recounted some of the racist outpourings from the Duke of Edinburgh, including when he told British youths who were studying in China, in 1986: "If you stay here much longer, you'll all be slitty-eyed."

Murshid told the *Telegraph*: "Nobody has any God-given right, no birthright, to rule. And this is true of the royal family. Just because you happen to be born in a family, is not sufficient qualification by anyone's standards."

Australian Subways Playing Classical Music

The West Australian capital of Perth is fighting gang violence and vandalism in its transit system by playing Classical music over the public address system.

According to the April 30 issue of the *West Australian* daily, "Westrail is planning to pipe [the music of Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, and Brahms] through loudspeakers and soothe troublemakers' minds. The plan is based on a Sydney trial through which vandalism dropped by 75% at stations where Classical music was played. The six-week experiment at five randomly selected stations led to drastically reduced repair bills for vandalism for Sydney's CityRail. Vandalism was eliminated at two stations. . . . Repair bills across the five stations where Classical music was played fell from just over \$8,000 last year to under \$2,000. They were stunned at the success of the plan and now rail authorities in Queensland and South Australia, as well as Western Australia, are looking at copying the idea. [New South Wales] is also considering playing Classical music on trains to cut on-board vandalism and graffiti."

Colombian Police Raid FARC Luxury Prison

One of the imprisoned leaders of the narco-terrorist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) maintained a luxury suite inside his prison, Colombian police have discovered. Nearly 2,000 specially trained police raided the La Modelo prison in Bo-

gotá on May 6, after riots the week before between "common criminals" and imprisoned members of paramilitary forces left 32 dead and nearly 20 wounded.

During the police raid, it was discovered that FARC boss Yesid Arteta, who has been in jail for three years on charges of rebellion, had knocked out the interior walls between his cell and two others, and established a "five-star" suite, complete with gym and sauna, library, fine paintings on the walls, computers, large-screen television, VCRs, and cellular phones. His cell door was equipped with a special alarm system, and the surrounding 25 cells were filled with FARC prisoners, who constituted his security guard. Arteta operated a radio communication system linking him with FARC leaders on the outside.

Arteta has since been moved to a military barracks. The police remarked on the similarity to the "five-star prison" that Medellín cocaine cartel boss Pablo Escobar had briefly occupied, before his "escape." That "prison," however, had been built to Escobar's specifications, as part of his agreement to turn himself in, including being staffed by his own guards.

The FARC, despite its "political" patina, has become known as the Third Cartel, replacing the defunct Cali Cartel and Medellín Cartel.

Officer To Testify on Dirty War in Ireland

Former British Army intelligence officer Colin Wallace will be allowed to testify for the defense in the Washington, D.C. libel trial against Irish author Sean McPhilemy, for his book *The Committee: Political Assassination in Northern Ireland*, a judge ruled in early May. Wallace, one of McPhilemy's sources, was framed up and hounded out of the British Army after he had taken part in black operations in Northern Ireland.

Wallace was also a key source for charges made in 1987 by then Member of Parliament Ken Livingstone—now the first elected Mayor of London—that British intelligence had "conspired to wreck the cease-fire" negotiated between Harold Wilson's Labour government and the Irish Re-

THE CANADIAN Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) released a report on May 3, on terrorist groups using Canada as a base of operations: "Over the past 15 years, we have witnessed a disturbing trend as terrorists move from significant support roles, such as fundraising and procurement, to actually planning and preparing terrorist acts." Among the groups named were Algerians, the Tamil Tigers, and Punjabi separatists, who call themselves the Khalistanis.

LEE TENG-HUI, Taiwan's outgoing President, presented awards like candy before leaving office on May 20, including bestowing the "Order of the Brilliant Star with the Grand Cordon" to billionaire Steve Forbes, the wife of George Bush's Ambassador to Beijing Betty Bao Lord, and Ross Munro, author of *The Coming Conflict with China*.

PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat sought Indian cooperation in infrastructure and technology when Indian Commerce Minister Raman Singh called on him at Ramallah in early May. Raman Singh met with PA Trade Minister Maher Al Masri, and assured him that New Delhi would deepen economic and commercial ties, and was "supportive of the legitimate right of the Palestinians for a homeland."

IRAN'S Interior Ministry denied claims of widespread vote fraud during the February parliamentary elections that were swept by the reformers tied to President Mohammed Seyed Khatami. The claims are coming from the conservative Council of Guardians.

THE IRISH Republican Army made a breakthrough in the peace process on May 6, stating that it would "initiate a process that will completely and verifiably put IRA arms beyond use." The statement, committing the IRA to "a just and lasting peace," was characterized by Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams as "unprecedented in the history of Irish republicanism."

publican Army in 1975. Livingstone was instantly scored by the press, with *The Sun* blaring: "Red Ken Smears Heroes." The slanderous nickname "Red Ken" has stuck ever since, wrote Livingstone in the May 26, 1999 issue of the *Independent*.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher went berserk, he wrote. She denounced him in the House of Commons, and demanded others do likewise. Livingstone continued: "Making such allegations brought down upon my head a wave of condemnation, not just from the Tories and the press, but also from the Labour leadership. In the years that followed, I submitted more than 300 questions about the 'dirty' war in Ireland and after years of denial, the government was forced to admit that the intelligence services had engaged in a covert black propaganda campaign, code-named Clockwork-Orange." Colin Wallace, then a young officer, was among those used to spread the disinformation which blew apart the 1975 peace deal, plunging Northern Ireland into 25 years of bloodshed.

WFP Suspends Emergency Aid in Sierra Leone

The UN's World Food Program (WFP) announced on May 8 that it was suspending emergency humanitarian assistance in most parts of Sierra Leone, after the Revolutionary United Front of Foday Sankoh killed several UN peacekeepers and took several hundred more prisoner.

The WFP said that it has halted food deliveries and distributions to more than 43,000 internally displaced people, orphans, and hospital patients in the capital, Freetown. It has also suspended food deliveries to 26,000 schoolchildren and some 40,000 hungry people in Kambia, Lunsar, Makeni, and Magburake. The agency has also postponed food distributions to farmers in the districts of Bombali, Tokolili, and Kailahun. The food was destined to feed 110,000 people during the rainy season—known as the "hunger season"—which is just about to start.

Meanwhile, the British are deploying five warships and 1,600 troops to evacuate British nationals.

With callous disregard for the British etiology of the genocidal wars in Africa, London *Daily Telegraph* commentator Graham Boynton wrote on May 8, that African elites are too corrupt and incompetent for the West to continue "pouring in aid." Although his racist attack began with Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe, Boynton even blasted Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, a bloody dictator, and the British-created model "new African leader" (see "The Ugandan Hell behind London's Museveni Myth," *EIR*, Aug. 8, 1997).

Boynton recommended: "Perhaps the time has come for the West to call the African leaders' bluff and withdraw. Put a stop to aid and debt relief initiatives. Walk away and wait for the people of Africa to overthrow this generation of corrupt politicians."

Swedes Look at Politics behind Lockerbie Trial

As the trial of two Libyans for the Dec. 20, 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland began, the Swedish daily *Dagens Nyheter* on May 2 wrote that "who is to blame for the Lockerbie drama has been influenced by Anglo-Saxon power interests." Blame was first put on Iran and Syria, writes Per Joansson, but, when London and Washington needed their support for Desert Storm against Iraq, they were scratched off the suspect list.

An accompanying article by Anders Hellberg reflects on Lockerbie victim, former Prime Minister Bernt Carlsson. In 1988, Carlsson was the UN Commissioner to Namibia, preparing for its independence from Britain. Says Hellberg, "Shortly before his violent death, Carlsson ended up having an open dispute" with South African mining giant De Beers, "on how diamond production in Namibia should be run."

Hellberg also reports that Carlsson, was a longtime friend of Prime Minister Olof Palme, who was shot outside a Stockholm theater on Feb. 28, 1986. "Briefly before his death, Carlsson told his American girlfriend: 'I am one among the four or five people who really know what happened to Olof Palme.'"