

RELIGION

New face of terrorism

World powers struggling to build a united front against terrorism will have to tackle elusive new targets such as home-grown extremists and cross-border religious movements armed with smart weapons like the Internet.

Recent attacks against industrialized powers, notably Japan and the United States, challenge the notion of terror sponsored by a handful of renegade states and suggest the sources of danger are far more diffuse and slippery, officials said.

"Terrorism is evolving. Alongside the classic kind of terrorism, which unfortunately continues, we see groups multiplying whose confused ideology draws recruits from many countries who may act autonomously," French Foreign Minister

Herve de Charette told a news conference.

France, host of a one-day conference of the Group of Seven nations and Russia on terrorism, said it saw the biggest threat coming from Islamic extremism bolstered by thousands of trained veterans of the war in Afghanistan.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel underscored the breadth of the problem, pointing to a proliferation of "starting points" ranging from apocalyptic sects in Japan to separatist and ultra-religious movements across the globe.

Canada's foreign minister Lloyd Axworthy said poison gas attacks in the Tokyo subway in 1994 and 1995 raised the spectre of extremist violence of a "doomsday quality."

The G7 countries and Russia adopted practical steps on Tuesday to share intelligence, reinforce police cooperation, facilitate extradition and track movements of arms and money.

The United States avoided a potential rift with its allies by omitting mention of President Bill Clinton's call for tougher sanctions against states it says sponsor terrorism.

French Interior Minister Jean-Louis Debre called the U.S. approach simplistic and outdated, a view apparently shared by Japan and other European nations.

Kinkel said terrorism now had multiple origins — internal political movements of the extreme left or right, separatists carrying their struggles across national borders.

Islamic interfaith dialogue

Delegates from over 70 countries gather in Cairo Wednesday for a conference aimed at promoting Islam as a religion of tolerance and peace and at encouraging interfaith dialogue.

Jewish representatives and delegates from Iraq will be notable absentees from the dialogue that Egypt hopes to promote.

The gathering, called "Islam and

the future of dialogue between civilizations," is being organized by Egypt's Supreme Islamic Affairs Council, part of the Religious Endowments Ministry.

"We want to send the world a message that Islam is a religion that adopted dialogue from the start, that it calls for peace, brotherhood, cooperation and love among humanity and that it does not attack anyone,"

Egypt's Religious Endowments Minister Mahmoud Zakzouk told a news conference Tuesday.

Zakzouk said representatives from 71 countries had accepted invitations. The conference, the eighth annual meeting of its kind, will end Saturday, the eve of Prophet Mohammad's birthday.

Egypt is fighting a four-year-old insurgency by Muslim militants aiming to topple the government of President Hosni Mubarak and install a strict Islamic state.

Nearly 1,000 people have been killed in the violence.

Mubarak has described the militants as mercenaries who have distorted the message of Islam.

Zakzouk said delegates would include Islamic affairs ministers, a representative from the Vatican, heads of Islamic organizations, orientologists and "others interested in dialogue," such as former West German chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Miss Collins To Return Home

BY DANNY BELL

To the inner-city youth especially of the Holiday, Boise, Eliot and Highland school boundaries of 1950-1970's there was one person who offered a haven, constructive activities and above all, unconditional love. That person was and is Evelyn Collins, better known as Miss Collins.

This country girl was born in Illinois and moved at an early age to Milton-Freewater, Oregon and established the Grace Collins Memorial Center (Formerly the Christian Community Center) some 42 years ago in the heart of the Eliot neighborhood. It was an outgrowth of a home youth outreach ministry.

Miss Collins and her mother Grace responded to the appeals of low-income single mothers. Many of these mothers were on public assistance and felt that they could escape the cycle of poverty if they could find adequate day-care. Thus, Miss Collins and her mother embarked on an enterprise that continues today.

Through four decades, and at least three generations, the large building located at 128 N.E. Russell provided a myriad of services to the community. Employment, youth activities and daycare are just some of the notable and visible services.



Evelyn Collins

make a concerted effort to bring Miss Collins back to her residence, which is adjacent to the Collins Center. Stan Peterson, Board Chair for the Collins Center, states "In my conversations while visiting Ms Collins at the care facility she has indicated to me that she would like to spend her remaining days in her own home. I feel that we in the community who have benefited from her work should step up and honor her wishes. There is a lot of things we need to do to get ready for her to come home.

There in was the basis for this article, to appeal to the readers who have been touched by the life of Miss Collins; to respond to help bring her back home. She is now wheel chair bound and needs 24-hour supervision. Her house needs to be remodeled to accommodate her.

The board of directors has developed a strategy and plan to bring her home, however, it will take the involvement of concerned citizen to make the plan a reality.

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Shannon Dionne Tillman was born on June 7, 1966 in Portland, Oregon to Floyd and Marietta Tillman. She was the youngest of eight children.

She grew up in Portland, Oregon and attended Jefferson High School. Shannon was a warm compassionate person who enjoyed being with her children, family and friends.

She passed away July 17, 1996. She will be missed by: Her parents, Marietta Allen and Stepfather Joseph Allen; three children, sons, Kentrell and Daniel, daughter Lauren; Aunt Joyce and Uncle Harold who played a special role in her life; brothers Robert, John, Kenneth and Marlon LaRoyce; sisters, Rhonda, Evelyn-JoAnn, Carla and step sisters Josephine and Joyce. A special friend, Darnell Graves; Grandmother Lela Daniels of Dekalb, TX. A host of relatives and many dear friends.

Shannon was preceded in death by her father Floyd Tillman and her grandmother Oretta McCoy.

"We love you Shannon and may God be with you."

Obituary

Michael Anthony Yeggins, 22, died July 11, 1996 in Portland by a gunshot wound. Michael lived in Portland since about age 3 and attended Boise-Elliott grade and Roosevelt & Jefferson High Schools. He was born November 15, 1973 in Houston, Texas. He is survived by his daughter, Michelle Yeggins (Portland), brother, Goliath Cambell (Vancouver, WA), mother, Mary Ann Cambell (Houston, TX), father, Michael Anthony Mardis (Houston, TX), grandmother, Theresa Rogers-Yeggins (Portland), and step-grandfather, Charlie Rogers (Portland). Friends are invited to attend funeral services, Friday, July 19, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church 4009 N. Missouri--Portland.

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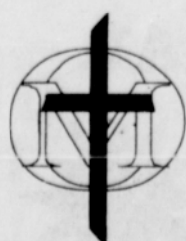
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Cult Leader defends advice to drink hydrogen peroxide

A Hong Kong Christian sect leader Thursday defended his advice to followers to drink bleach despite warnings from doctors of its dangers.

"The Bible has reference to living water...rain has hydrogen peroxide," Reverend Leung Yat-wah, in his 30s, told a packed news conference at his Church of Zion.

Leung caused a stir in the British colony after telling his more than

1,000 followers that hydrogen peroxide, used in ordinary bleach and as an externally-applied antiseptic, could cure minor ailments like sore throats to killer diseases such as cancer and the AIDS virus.

Doctors have warned that drinking the liquid could cause seizures, respiratory failure and heart attacks.

But up to a dozen of Leung's followers took turns Thursday testi-

fying that the liquid cured asthma, stomach ulcers, heart problems, menstrual pain, arthritis and fainting spells after taking doses of between up to 75 drops a day.

One pregnant follower said hydrogen peroxide helped revive her baby. "My baby had stopped moving. After drinking hydrogen peroxide, it came back to life," the woman said.

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