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1. (LOU) SUMMARY. ALGERIAN PRESS HAS USED THE OCCASION OF THE **KLAUS BARBIE** TRIAL IN FRANCE TO MAKE UNUSUALLY VITRIOLIC ATTACKS AGAINST THE FRENCH AND THE JEWS. THE WEST IN GENERAL STANDS ACCUSED OF APPLYING A DOUBLE STANDARD BY PROSECUTING BARBIE FOR "CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY" WHILE ALLOWING CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST THIRD WORLD PEOPLES TO GO UNPUNISHED. ALTHOUGH THE EXTREME AND SARCASTIC RHETORIC IN THE LOCAL WEEKLIES MAY NOT REPRESENT OFFICIAL POLICY, IT DOES REPRESENT ONE SEGMENT OF ALGERIAN OPINION THAT HAS KEPT ALIVE NATIONAL GRIEVANCES AGAINST WHAT IT SEES AS TRADITIONAL ENEMIES. END SUMMARY.

2. (LOU) THE ALGERIAN WEEKLIES, ALGERIE ACTUALITE AND REVOLUTION AFRICAINE (FLN ORGAN), IN THEIR ISSUES OF MAY 22, CARRIED A SERIES OF ARTICLES MAKING BITTER

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ATTACKS AGAINST THE WEST IN GENERAL AND FRANCE AND THE JEWS IN PARTICULAR. THE POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR THESE ATTACKS WAS THE CURRENT TRIAL OF **KLAUS BARBIE** IN LYON, AND THEIR THEME IS THAT BARBIE'S TRIAL AND THE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING IT ARE PART OF AN ONGOING EFFORT TO PERPETRATE CRIMES AGAINST ARABS, MUSLIMS, AND INHABITANTS OF THE THIRD WORLD. WHATEVER BARBIE DID WAS NO WORSE THAN WHAT SHARON, BOTHA, BIGEARD (FRENCH PARATROOP COMMANDER DURING THE BATTLE OF ALGIERS) DID TO PALESTINIANS, SOUTH AFRICANS, AND ALGERIANS. THOSE WHO RAISE THE LOUDEST OUTCRY AGAINST BARBIE (AND AGAINST HIS DEFENSE LAWYER, JACQUES VERGES) ARE HYPOCRITES WHO HAVE DEFENDED EQUALLY CRIMINAL ACTIONS ELSEWHERE. THE ZIONISTS, IN PARTICULAR, HAVE USED NAZI CRIMES AS AN EXCUSE TO COMMIT GENOCIDE AGAINST ARABS. THE FRENCH ALSO, OCCUPIED UNDER THE NAZIS, TURNED THE ATROCITIES OF THEIR OCCUPIERS AGAINST ALGERIAN VICTIMS.

3. (U) SOME SELECTIONS FROM THESE ARTICLES:

- A) "WHAT DO THE JEWS WANT? BARBIE, BIGEARD, BEGIN, AND THE OTHERS." FROM ALGERIE ACTUALITE, BY
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MADHI HOUCINE. "HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING TODAY IN PALESTINE AND IN SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT UPSET (THE VICTORS OF WW II) AT ALL? THEY KNOW PERFECTLY WELL, HOWEVER, THAT BOTHA OWES HIS AND HIS REGIME'S SURVIVAL TO THE UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF FRANCE, ENGLAND, AND THE U.S. HOWEVER, WE CAN DISMISS THOSE IN PALESTINE, SOUTH AFRICA, ALGERIA, LIBYA, EGYPT, AND TUNISIA WHO DO NOT STIR THE EMOTIONS OF THE SPONSORS OF THE NUREMBERG TRIAL. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE NOTION OF 'CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY' APPLIES ONLY IN CASES OCCURRING IN EUROPE."

- B) SAME ARTICLE: "IF **KLAUS BARBIE** HAD COMMITTED HIS ATROCITIES ON AFRICAN TERRITORY, IN THE MIDDLE EAST, OR IN VARIOUS STATES OF THE THIRD WORLD, HE WOULD HAVE MERITED FULL HONORS AND RESPECT OWED TO THE HEROES OF LEGEND. LIKE BEGIN, LIKE BIGEARD, LIKE BOTHA. BUT BARBIE HAD TORTURED JEAN MOULIN WHILE BIGEARD HAD TORTURED LARBI ('THE ARAB') BEN M'HIDI (ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE ALGERIAN REVOLUTION). BETWEEN A FRENCH AND AN ALGERIAN RESISTANCE FIGHTER THERE IS A GREAT DIFFERENCE."

- C) "BLUE IS THE BLOOD OF WHITES," FROM REVOLUTION AFRICAINE, BY B.A. "THUS, WHEN IN 1957 THEY COULD COUNT 7000 PERSONS DISAPPEARED IN ALGIERS, 'IT IS NO CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY.' THOSE ARE POLICE

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'BLOTS.' WHEN THEY DROPPED THOUSANDS OF TONS OF BOMBS ON DRESDEN AND KILLED 300,000 PEOPLE---THAT ALSO WAS NOT IN THE PRAYER BOOK. WHEN, TO BRING THE ENEMY TO ITS KNEES, THEY DROP TWO A-BOMBS ONE MORNING, THERE IS NO INTENTION OF GENOCIDE. OURS IS A SAD TIME. FRANCE WHICH IS SO ZEALOUS (AS IT HAS THE RIGHT TO BE) TO JUDGE ONE KILLER OF FRENCH PEOPLE, AMNESTIED IN 1964 ALL THE KILLERS OF ARABS DURING THE CONFLICT."

4. (C) A REPRESENTATIVE OF ALGERIA'S SMALL (300 PERSONS) JEWISH COMMUNITY SAID THAT SHE HAD SEEN NOTHING TO MATCH THE VIRULENCE AND THE VICIOUSNESS OF THESE ARTICLES IN 20 YEARS. SHE SAID SHE SUSPECTED THAT JACQUES VERGES, **KLAUS BARBIE'S** ATTORNEY AND DEFENDER OF FLN HEROINE DJAMILA BOUHIRE, HAD A HAND IN THE ALGERIAN CAMPAIGN.

5. (C) FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELLOR TERRAL WAS MORE CIRCUMSPECT BUT, IN DIPLOMATIC FASHION, EQUALLY UNHAPPY. HE SAW THE RECENT ARTICLES AS ECHOING VERGES' IDEAS, AND SAID THAT HE (VERGES) WAS NOW THE SUBJECT OF BATTLE BETWEEN A FRENCH PRESS THAT ATTACKED HIM AND AN ALGERIAN PRESS THAT SUPPORTED HIM. TERRAL SAID THAT ENTIRE EPISODE HAS BEEN VERY UNPLEASANT FOR THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS NOT ENJOYED SEEING THE ALGERIANS USE THE BARBIE TRIAL TO BRING UP THE INCIDENTS OF THE INDEPENDENCE WAR. TERRAL SAID THAT THE ONLY CONSOLATION FOR THE FRENCH WAS THAT THE RECENT RHETORIC HAD NOT AFFECTED OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SEMIOFFICIAL ALGERIAN DAILY, EL MOUDJAHID, WHILE REPEATING THE THEMES OF THE WEEKLIES, WAS MORE MODERATE IN TONE. ITS COMMENTARY AT LEAST NOTED BARBIE'S CRIMES WHILE POINTING OUT, "THERE CANNOT BE TWO WEIGHTS AND TWO MEASURES TO CONDEMN WAR CRIMES, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, AND THEIR PERPETRATORS."

6. (C) COMMENT: WE DO NOT USUALLY HEAR SUCH VITUPERATIVE PUBLIC ATTACKS FROM ALGERIANS AGAINST SO MANY FOREIGN TARGETS. THERE EXISTS HERE A CURRENT OF GENERALIZED GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE WEST THAT WEAVE EVENTS TOGETHER INTO A LARGER PLOT AGAINST ARABS, MUSLIMS, AND AFRICANS. THESE GRIEVANCES MAY BE POLITELY CONCEALED, BUT THEY CAN REACH THE SURFACE UNDER SUITABLE CONDITIONS. THE BARBIE TRIAL HAS GIVEN THE ALGERIANS A CHANCE TO PRESENT THEMSELVES

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(AND ALL ARABS AND THIRD WORLD PEOPLES) ONCE AGAIN AS VICTIMS OF CAMPAIGNS BY HYPOCRITICAL WESTERN MEDIA AND GOVERNMENTS. SUCH THINKING MAY NOT BE OFFICIAL

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ALGERIAN POLICY, BUT IT COMMANDS A LARGE ENOUGH
FOLLOWING THAT THE AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN IT ITS DAY
IN COURT.
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