

# OSS 'old boys' welcome Maggie

by Scott Thompson

In the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York on Feb. 28, the ranking members of the U.S. intelligence establishment, the Veterans of the OSS (Office of Strategic Services), honored British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher with the William J. Donovan Award.

As the lights went dim across the ballroom, the affair proved to be a real anglophile orgy. A theme constantly repeated by the scriptwriters for this celebration was that the world had returned again to 1940, only this time Reagan equals Roosevelt; Thatcher equals "Winnie" Churchill; the U.S.S.R. equals Nazi Germany; and implicitly, China equals the main front opened by the U.S.S.R. against the Nazis.

It was a scenario that would make KGB Gen. Harold "Kim" Philby, one of many spooks whose presence was felt, proud at the depths of his deception. It was in no small measure due to Philby's skill at covering up the links between the British Secret Intelligence Service and the KGB-IMEMO crowd today that William J. Casey, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, could announce to the assembled "old boys" how nice it was when the United States was Britain's "junior partner."

In attendance were most of the key anglophile "old boys" and their dupes.

On the dais were: William Casey, Director of Intelligence and the honorary chairman of the award dinner; Hon. Owen McGivern, dinner cochairperson, former OSS, New York judge; John McCord, national chairman, English Speaking Union; Mrs. David K. E. Bruce, dinner cochairperson, widow of David K. E. Bruce, U.S. ambassador to the Court of St. James and an OSS officer; Hon. Jeane Kirkpatrick, chief delegate of the United States to the United Nations, chief spokesperson at the founding of the Committee for a Free World who proclaimed that body a resurrection of the Committee for Cultural Freedom; John Shaheen, chosen to present the award, a financier in the marts of Hong Kong, Singapore, London, Wall Street, and "a particular favorite and disciple of General Donovan"; Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her husband, Dennis; Sir Nicholas Henderson, ambassador of Great Britain to the U.S.; and, Col. Rupert Mayne, representative of the Special Forces of London and Special Air Services.

In the audience: New York Gov. Hugh Carey; former

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance; former Director of Intelligence John J. McCloy; Sen. Barry Goldwater; financier John Schiff; Ernest Cuneo; RCA heir Robert Sarnoff; former chief of counterintelligence James Angleton, trained in deception by Philby at Guy Fawkes College in England; former Directors of Intelligence Richard Helms and William Colby; Prince and Princess Nikita Romanov.

The key speech was by Casey who re-lived his days when he was trained in the British "double-cross" system as chief of OSS's Secret Intelligence Section in London. He was, in short, a raving anglophile.

Casey began with praise of Margaret Thatcher: "Not since Winston Churchill," Casey said, "has a British prime minister so well, so vividly, so graciously epitomized this common heritage which we share."

He then outlined the heritage, completely reversing OSS chief Donovan's true, servile relationship with Churchill whom Casey also praised for giving "indomitable leadership" when "totalitarian government in Europe" last, some 40 years ago, launched an invasion in all directions.

At that moment of crisis for Britain, Donovan, a private citizen and lawyer, was sent to England to make an assessment acting as "a one-man CIA to President Roosevelt." After talks with Churchill, Donovan returned and said that Britain had "a will to survive." Lend-Lease followed.

Churchill and Donovan "found themselves in tune." Psychological warfare, irregular forces, each primed with a "full knowledge" of five centuries of British intelligence, would "set Europe ablaze."

And so today, Casey concluded, "We well remember, Prime Minister, that OSS coming into the European war three years late would not have been able to do very much at all, if the British had not taken us in as junior partners and so generously taught us all they knew and all we knew. Today, the intelligence communities of our two countries . . . work together with a special relationship . . . to develop a common perception of the world. . . ."

"We are grateful, Prime Minister. We are interested in furthering this collaboration and grateful for your leadership in converting it into wise and prudent policy. We admire the Churchillian clarity and force with which you have responded as, for the first time since 1940, a great power has invaded a small state in Afghanistan and threatened another in Poland. We salute the courage and resolution with which you have undertaken the painful task of ending our economic difficulties."

No doubt Lord Louis Mountbatten, whose name was so frequently referenced by Thatcher and Casey, and who died fighting against the current government's policies, was among those unseen "spooks" who were enraged at this betrayal.