

The masonic-linked institutions that wield the vast financial power of the oligarchy

by Renée Sigerson

For the past two decades, the dominant institution in world financial relations has been the \$1.8 trillion Euromarket system, a network of private banking arrangements outside of the control of governments, and larger in size than the national credit system of any nation, the United States included.

Increasingly, since the decline in world oil prices and oil demand, ever larger portions of the monetary flows through the Euromarket system have been based on illegal operations, ranging from the \$200 billion annual global narcotics trade, to the now \$75 billion volume of unreported “flight capital” being taken each year out of national credit systems, mostly of developing countries.

It is this system—with its usurious interest rates, and its principle of gouging loot out of productive economies—which is the chief cause of the decline in world trade, and the debt-payments crisis which is producing world economic depression.

On the surface it might appear that, with all its flaws, this monetary system is “the one we’ve got, and therefore have to live with.” In fact, this isn’t the case. This system was invented, that is, created, by an identifiable group of individuals, a network of oligarchical families, currently controlling personally about \$200 billion worth of identifiable assets, who designed the Euromarkets as a permanently rigged “crap game” to be played for their personal gain.

According to British intelligence mouthpiece Anthony Sampson, the individual most readily identified as the creator of the Euromarket system is former Bank of England director Sir George Boulton, recently deceased. In generating a system through which loan syndications could be generated on a basis whereby for every dollar of deposits, \$50 in interest-earning loans could be issued, Sir George helped to salvage Britain’s dominating role in world financial relations, which the dissolution of its colonial empire had put into jeopardy.

Following these developments, which began in the 1960s, there occurred a nearly unending series of financial scams and looting operations through which the Euromarket system came to be an effective instrument of oligarchical control over nations. Among the most important of these developments were:

- the 1958 founding and 1974 dissolution of Investors

Overseas Services, the quasi-legal multi-billion mutual funds empire created in Switzerland by Bernie Cornfeld;

- the 1968 creation of the Mediterranean/Monte Carlo “Propaganda-2” Masonic lodge, which built financial bridges into the Mideast;

- the 1973-74 Oil Hoax, which produced a 250 percent growth in a single decade of the debt-asset “value” of the Eurodollar market.

These events, whose unfolding touched every corner of the globe, were all conceived and run by distinct political-financial networks, a “club” of world figures involving no more than a few hundred families. As the world has plunged into bitterest misery as a result of these events, these families have bolstered their financial weight and political power several hundredfold.

Raw materials control

The unique importance of the British Royal House of Windsor among oligarchical families is that it has continued to directly govern, into the twentieth century, a quasi-nation state—Britain—which, because of its special relationship to former colonies (“The British Commonwealth”) has found admittance into the small grouping of “major world powers” alongside the United States, Soviet Union, etc.

Since the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and Ottoman Empire, other oligarchical interests have preferred to exercise their power by “indirect” means; the still-ruling Dutch (“Orange-Nassau”), Swedish, and Belgian monarchies are situated between those oligarchies that rule “indirectly” and the British, with the nations they rule too small to shape world politics directly.

For these reasons, the House of Windsor’s financial-economic power is the foundation stone for all oligarchical power worldwide. This Windsor strength is sustained through international *raw materials* domination.

Sir George Boulton was a long-term board member of the London-Rhodesia (Lonrho) mining interests, the relatively small “dirty operations” company of the British mining companies. The most powerful British mining interest, however, is the Oppenheimer empire, the Anglo-American/De Beers interface which dominates world gold production (75 percent

of South Africa's output); world diamonds; and a trading company section, Philbro, which oversees hundreds of billions of dollars annually in world commodity trade.

In 1981, Philbro bought the fourth-largest investment bank on New York's Wall Street, Salomon Brothers, through which it has also gained direct influence over the United States' second-largest commercial bank, Citibank. Citibank chairman Walter Wriston is a member of the board of Oppenheimer's North American holding company, Minorco, and Salomon Brothers is his investment bank.

These Oppenheimer/Lonrho interests are by no means private interests run by British magnates. The command structure and shareholding relationships which control these raw materials concerns reach directly to the British Royal Family Household. In organizing this command structure, Britain's royal family has divided the world into roughly two hemispheres, with British Petroleum overseeing African/Eastern hemisphere operations; and Eagle Star Insurance, a direct product of British wartime intelligence, overseeing the Western hemisphere.

Through this web of control over world raw materials transactions, the British royal family has in place a vast intelligence capability, which serves its financial operations. Last year, the vice-chairman of Oppenheimer's Philbro told *Business Week*: "Our communications system is probably the most sophisticated in the world, with the possible exception of the Defense Department or the CIA." *Business Week* commented: "In fact, Phillip Brothers was apparently ahead of the CIA in sensing last year that the revolution in Iran was imminent. It closed up its office there months before fighting broke out." No doubt, Philbro's privileged links to British Petroleum—which ran the "revolution" in Iran—made such intelligence-gathering an easy matter.

In 1976, Sir George Bolton, the man who designed the Euromarkets as the financial complement to Britain's raw materials control, authored a memo to the Bank of England, suggesting that a complete reorganization of international finance be undertaken, in which the value of all currencies would be "linked" to each nation's raw materials output. Such a system, which mirrors the pre-capitalist, "trading company" system through which Britain ran the American Colonies before 1776, remains the ultimate objective of the world's oligarchy.

Investors Overseas scammers

Bernie Cornfeld and Robert Vesco—the two most-renowned operators who ever used the Euromarkets for private financial gain—were not clever, "independent" figures. Cornfeld's Investors Overseas Service (IOS) was put into business by the French-Genevan office of the Dreyfuss Fund, a highly political backroom operation that features John J. McCloy, once U.S. Supreme Allied Commander of Occupied Germany, on its board of directors. Vesco was a protégé of the French-Genevan Rothschild banking interests, directly financed by Rothschild's Banque Privée.

What Cornfeld/Vesco's IOS did was to pool the \$2 billion worth of wealth of suckers on many continents, to deploy that wealth as an extension of a handful of European continental oligarchical households. To this very day, although IOS was bankrupted in 1974, the remnants of IOS's operations are the chief depositories of these continental oligarchical families' financial manipulations. Through the IOS networking operation, these families worked their way up from being "junior partners" in the British-dominated Euromarkets, to being equal partners, with their strength being based on an extraordinary "finesse" in garnering profits from the most minor shifts in interest rates, stock prices, and real estate markets worldwide.

Still operating out of this IOS network today, for example, are:

The entire south German oligarchy: the Wittelsbach, Thurn und Taxis, Fugger, and other families manage their funds through the Schneider-Münzig bank of Munich, and the Investor Fonds AG, both extension of the pre-1974 IOS. They make use of the former IOS bank in Geneva, the Overseas Development Bank. In September, they established a new group, the Munich Financial Club, to coordinate investments in the "black economy," the offshore markets and flight capital circuits, where the largest percentage of deposits are based on the international narcotics trade and organized crime (see *EIR*, Nov. 2). Included in this group is the richest man in the world, Prince Johannes von Thurn und Taxis, who owns vast timberland reserves throughout the Western hemisphere, as part of a \$5 to \$10 billion total portfolio.

They are close to Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands, who made IOS gangster Vesco an honorary founder of his World Wildlife Fund, in exchange for a \$100,000 contribution. In addition to Bernhard, this group was behind one of the biggest political scandals of recent times, the Lockheed payoffs, for which they set up dozens of secret banking accounts throughout Switzerland with which to corrupt and confuse political leaderships throughout Europe.

The north European Hambros Group: The Scandinavian-based Hambro Bank controls IOS's North American remnant, Global Natural Resources. To maintain control of this holding, valued at \$500 million, Hambro has established in place a "masonic network" of stockbrokers, and senior partners in stock-brokerage houses, which criss-crosses Wall Street. Firms known to be harboring such "masonic" operatives include Shearson/Amex, Bear Stearns, and Goldman Sachs. In addition to running Global, Hambro has organized brutal stock-raiding operations against American southwest energy firms, which have ended in heavy asset-stripping and profit-taking.

Southern-tier Masons

In Italy, the remnants of IOS fell into the hands of the Propaganda-2 Masonic lodge, a political operation set up in

1968 in a bid to restore the sovereignty of the pre-World War II Royal House of Savoy, whose existence became known during May 1981 in a scandal that brought down the Italian government.

Propaganda-2's vast financial strength is based, ultimately, on two gigantic insurance companies, Assicurazioni di Venezia and Assicurazioni Generali. On Wall Street, both Lazard Freres and Lehman Brothers are tentacles of this network. In Geneva, the Rothschild's, in Munich, the Wittelsbach bank Merck und Fink, and in Scandinavia, the Hambro interests, participate as shareholders in these vast ventures.

This network commands the largest single flight capital operation on the globe. In recent years on average, up to \$50 billion annually has been funneled by this network past banking authorities, central banks, and customs throughout Latin America and the Mediterranean. With the cushion of so much "sucker money" under their control, the P-2 financial interests can safely deploy the basic investments of their primary shareholders, and substantially reduce all risk.

There are several hundred smaller institutions run by the networks outlined above. What keeps these network intact, ultimately, is Sir George Bolton's Eurodollar market. Here, nations pay billions of dollars annually in "tribute"—or what bankers call "interest" on outstanding loans—to maintain a steady margin of income which allows this multiply concocted looting system to survive.

When in 1973, in behalf of the House of Windsor, Henry Kissinger unleashed the great oil hoax, tens of billions of dollars flowed annually from the oil-producing countries into the Eurodollar banks. Between 1974 and today, the deposit base of the Eurodollar market surged 10 fold, and the debt/asset base grew more than 20 fold.

In 1979, British Petroleum and others launched the destabilization of Iran. Mid-1979, Bank of England crony Paul Volcker adopted Britain's policy of usurious dollar interest rates in a phony "war against inflation," which inflation had been significantly induced by the new rise in oil prices. By mid-1980, the combined interest rate/energy price crush had cast the world economy on the threshold of depression. From 1980 to 1982, debt owed by developing countries to the Eurodollar banks rose from \$350 to \$700 billion.

Now, the Mideast oil surplus has been wiped out, due to the depression-related collapse of world oil demand. Where in 1980, some \$120 billion in oil-producers' funds formed a large share of new deposits for the Eurodollar banks, now approximately \$80 billion is being looted annually in the form of speculative "flight capital" from developing countries, and from disinvestment in European industries, for placement on the Euromarkets. The Eurodollar market is also the single most important cause of chaos in the U.S. money supply.

The oligarchy, however, thinks it has little to lose in the current crisis. They are positioned to buy up control of the world economy at bargain prices, employing the institutions cited above as their instruments to accomplish this end.

Where monarchists are hidden in the U.S.

by Kathleen Klenetsky

Over the past year, the United States has been inundated by visiting British and European oligarchs. In the last two weeks alone, Americans have played host to Prince Charles—who descended on Montezuma, N.M., to preside over the opening of his pet project, the United World College of the West—and to his father, Prince Philip, presently embarked on a tour to preach the need for population reduction and "living with less" to audiences in Chicago, Texas, and elsewhere. Meanwhile, Prince Johannes Thurn und Taxis, scion of one of the most evil central European black oligarchical families, just wrapped up a month's stay in southern California, where he and his wife are contemplating taking up a permanent residence.

The most significant event comes in March, when Queen Elizabeth and her consort arrive in Washington for a ten-day state visit, during which they are expected to extend their control over U.S. policy even further.

What's behind this royal influx? Are these so-called noblemen here simply to soak up the sun or indulge in some discoing at New York's chic night spot, Studio 54? The answer is far more serious. In reality, the increased tempo of visits by oligarchical representatives can be attributed to the fact that these "visitors" are coming here with the intention of taking up residence *to stay*. As a product of their own machinations, the continent of Europe, where their families originate and where they have habitated for centuries, has become increasingly inhospitable. Be it the prospect of "limited" nuclear war; raging depression due to disinvestment; or increasing social chaos due to economic collapse, the oligarchy has come to view Europe as "tired" and "wrung dry." The "families" find North America, and the United States in particular, an enticing target for them to infest. In recent years, the "families" have made substantial investments in the United States, purchasing large tracts of land and far-flung interests in American financial and industrial institutions.

"Geopolitically" speaking, moreover, many oligarchs genuinely believe that within the foreseeable future, first parts of Germany, and following that, perhaps other "little countries" in Europe will fall under the control of the Soviet Union. Believing that the "Russian race" does not have the tenacity to stick to its current form of government, they are ready to strike a deal to "neutralize" parts of Europe under "Russian" domination. Though absolutely serious about