

LaRouche says:

'No credible evidence' of French responsibility for Greenpeace sinking

A special investigation conducted by former U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, indicates that the sinking of the Greenpeace spy-ship "Rainbow Warrior" was done as a publicity stunt. The efforts by the Trilateral Commission, to destabilize the government of France, in connection with the "Rainbow Warrior" affair, must be seen as part of the currently continuing effort to destabilize the intelligence services of both France and the Federal Republic of Germany.

LaRouche's report is based on a three-week special study by *Executive Intelligence Review (EIR)*. The study included review of the facts published so far on the case, and included consultation with relevant experts from a number of nations.

The preliminary report released by LaRouche is as follows.

1. French intelligence's surveillance of Greenpeace

It is accepted, that French intelligence was engaged in surveillance of the activities around the Greenpeace spy-ship "Rainbow Warrior" during the same period the ship was sunk in its harbor. French surveillance was more than justified, by the fact that the Greenpeace organization was deployed in espionage activities against vital French strategic interests in the Pacific. However, the fact of visible surveillance by French intelligence, together with the kind of sabotage operation described, tend to indicate, that official agencies of the French nation were not the authors of the acts of which the Trilateral Commission has accused them.

The Canada-based Greenpeace organization, is an organization which uses its "environmentalist" cover for operations of espionage and "publicity stunts," actions which are often in the strategic interests of the Soviet empire. Also, this organization is backed openly by circles closely linked to Soviet intelligence through long-standing "back-channel" arrangements. These circles are linked, to a significant degree, with continuing operations of the 60-year-old, British-based Soviet foreign-intelligence entity popularly known as "The Trust."

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French intelligence is rated by *EIR* as one of the best qualified intelligence services in the world today. Since the destruction of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency's capabilities, under Henry A. Kissinger, James R. Schlesinger, Vice-President Walter Mondale, and Admiral Turner, the "human intelligence" capabilities of France are significant greater than those of the United States which has come to depend largely upon "second-hand," British and Israeli sources. Also, French intelligence has technological capabilities for covert operations roughly comparable to those of any other major power. On the matter of the amateurish form of the sabotage in the New Zealand harbor: If French intelligence had wished to neutralize the espionage-ship Greenpeace, it had sophisticated means to do that, means which would have assured no risk of significant embarrassment to the government of France.

The principal beneficiary of the sinking of the ship, in the manner this occurred, is the Greenpeace organization. It was fully precalculable, either by the intelligence network controlling Greenpeace, or by French intelligence, before the fact, that the principal victim of such a sabotage, would be the intelligence services and government of France. The preponderance of the presently available evidence in this matter, is that the amateurish method of sinking the craft was employed by adversaries of the intelligence services of France.

2. The political context of the Greenpeace affair

The "Greenpeace Affair" has become a campaign to destroy the sovereign intelligence services of a member of the Atlantic Alliance, France, by placing operations of all French intelligence services under surveillance of persons who include friends of the Soviet imperial interest. This has occurred during the same period a major effort is being made to destroy the sovereign intelligence services of France's ally, the Federal Republic of Germany. The presumption that this coincidence of timing is merely accidental, goes beyond belief.

The advantages of this pattern of developments to Soviet

strategic policy, are clear beyond competent dispute.

a) The primary objective of Soviet policy for Western Europe, is to accelerate the de-coupling of continental Western Europe from its Alliance with the United States, by aid of undermining cooperation between the military and intelligence agencies of the Atlantic Alliance.

b) The principal target of Soviet operations is the United States' Strategic Defense Initiative and cooperation in development of methods of European regional defense employing "new physical principles," against Soviet imperial aggression.

c) The attempted destabilization of the intelligence services of France and the Federal Republic, and disruption of cooperation of the U.S.A. with those services, has occurred in the context of Soviet efforts to isolate the President of the United States from the U.S. Congress and European allies, on these issues, during preparations for the scheduled Reagan-Gorbachev "summit."

d) Most specific to the publicity stunts and other operations of the espionage organization Greenpeace, the Soviet empire is particularly distressed by France's development of varieties of enhanced-radiation devices suited for deployment by regimental or battalion commanders. The deployment of such devices would nullify present Soviet war-plans for combined naval, air, and armored assault features of the Ogarkov Plan's provision for invasion of Western Europe.

e) The destabilization of France's Pacific base, New Caledonia, is a key part of Soviet strategic operations in the Pacific and Indian oceans' basin at the present time. These Soviet operations have overall objectives which coincide with Greenpeace's own.

We must conclude that these operations and the Greenpeace affair itself, benefit only the Soviet empire and the present policies of such Soviet fellow-travellers in the West as Mr. Lloyd Cutler's Trilateral Commission. The fact that the incident itself occurred in a region of the world whose governments have entered the Soviets' proposed sphere of "nuclear-free zones," can not be overlooked in assessing this attempted destabilization of French intelligence services.

The involvement of elements of the Anglo-American Liberal Establishment, and of the British Commonwealth, in these matters, is not to be overlooked. These include the pro-Soviet left-wing of the Socialist International, and business interests linked in various ways to Soviet intelligence's Britain-based "Trust" network of Anglo-American/Soviet "back-channels," including the backers of the espionage organization, Greenpeace.

3. The involvement of France

The involvement of some French nationals in assisting the promotion of the Greenpeace Affair, can not be excluded. All Atlantic Alliance nations are penetrated up to very high levels by Soviet agents, as well as by influential circles such as Anglo-American liberals, which are sympathizers of So-

viet policies on strategic issues. In any effort by the Soviets or their sympathizers, to embarrass the governments of the Federal Republic, the United States, or France, in a manufactured scandal, those orchestrating such events would take the precaution of credibly implicating that nation through combinations of witting Soviet assets and those kinds of liberals whom Lenin publicly classified as "useful fools." Nor can we overlook those unfortunate individuals, who are induced to assist such betrayal of their nation by such means as financial corruption or blackmail.

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However, should such complicity by some French nationals be discovered in this matter, the fact remains that the actions alleged against France in the Greenpeace Affair are of a form contrary to the most vital strategic interests of France, and inconsistent with the professional competencies of the French intelligence services.

4. Summary conclusion

The Greenpeace Affair, as the accusers of France have conducted the presentation of their case thus far, depicts an action conducted in such a manner as to damage the vital interests of France, but advantageous to both the Soviet empire and such backers of Greenpeace as the Trilateral Commission's Mr. Lloyd Cutler.

We judge the Affair by the combined standards of, 1) Who benefits? 2) Who had the means to conduct the action? and 3) To what kind of agency do the known technical characteristics of the operation conform? The preponderance of evidence lies among the facts bearing upon those three considerations. The preponderance of the presented evidence bearing upon those three questions, points to the sympathizers of Greenpeace's pro-Soviet leanings and practices as the most probable culprits.

Therefore, in this matter, it is the judgment of *Executive Intelligence Review* that the presently available evidence and allegations, combined, indicates the affair to be a creation of the pro-Soviet enemies of France.