

# Why the statue of Gen. Albert Pike in Washington must be destroyed

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In part, what I have to say, I would rather have said by a dear, ill friend of ours, Allen Salisbury, who was working on this subject back in the middle 1970s and later, and who, I assure you, would be here to deliver part of this today, but for his illness. Much of what he would have said, would have been shared from the podium with Anton Chaitkin, who I'm sure will fill in for Allen on such points as well as he can—and he can, I assure you, do a good job.

In the city of Washington, D.C., there is a statue of one of the most evil men of the past two centuries, a man known, according to the statue, as Gen. Albert Pike. Gen. Albert Pike was a racist, a traitor to the United States on behalf of the British monarchy, and a general degenerate—meaning he was also a professed Satanist. In addition to being one-time head, supreme commander, of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the southern states (i.e., the head for a while of what became the Confederacy, a treasonous agency), he was also, with the backing of a President, Andrew Johnson (implicitly condoned by that President), the founder in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1867, of the Ku Klux Klan. He was at that time a citizen of the state of Arkansas, but was unable to go back there because of the horrible war crimes which he had perpetrated during the Civil War.

That statue sits in Washington, as Tony Chaitkin will explain to you, maintained at taxpayers' expense by the U.S. Department of Labor. It sits there, since the time of Teddy Roosevelt's coronation as President (Roosevelt himself being the son of a treasonous family, the Bullochs); it sits there, facing what is today the largest concentration of black population in the United States. The founder of the Ku Klux Klan.

And now we hear, from the hypocritical Justice Department and others, including the B'nai B'rith—which was a co-founder of the Ku Klux Klan and also works with it to this day—that they are concerned about racism and the Ku Klux Klan. The Ku Klux Klan organization, in conjunction with

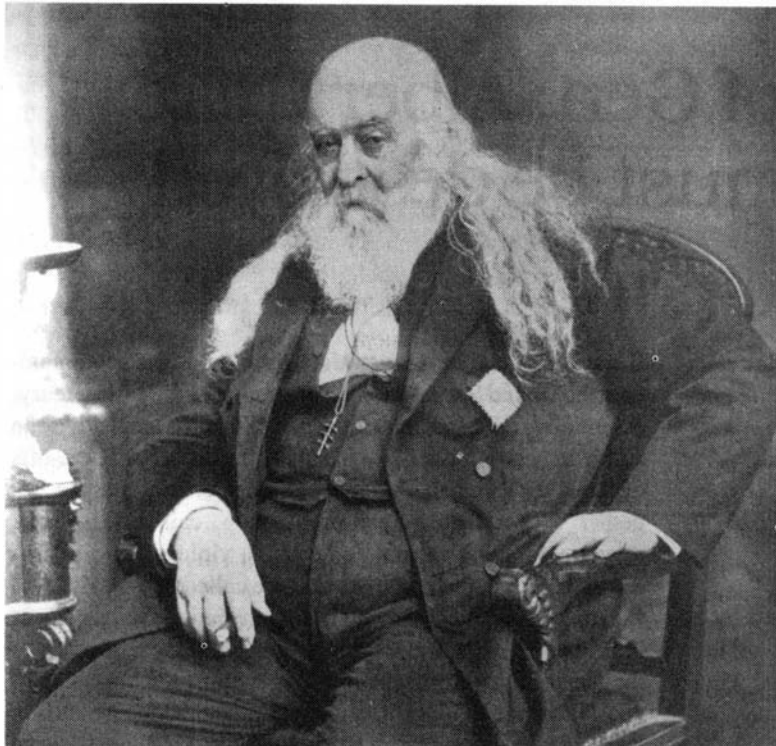
B'nai B'rith, the pro-slavery faction of the Jewish community in the United States since the beginning of the 19th century, essentially, but especially since the 1840s, has recently been active in sending Ku Klux Klanners and neo-Nazi spin-offs of Ku Klux Klanners into present-day Germany, where, together with a British-sponsored group, called Skinheads, they are parading around and causing violence or directing the violence, in the name of what are called neo-Nazis. And Lawrence Eagleburger, who is closely tied to the backers of the Ku Klux Klan, has written a strong *démarche* recently to the German government protesting against the spectacle of neo-Nazism in Rostock, Germany, a phenomenon which is in large degree sponsored by British and American intelligence services, making use of phenomena such as the British Skinheads and the American Ku Klux Klan/neo-Nazi groups.

This is not only an insult to the black citizens of Washington, D.C. and elsewhere; it is also an insult to our allies and friends abroad; it is generally a travesty, an obscenity in the eye of the Almighty God himself.

I, naturally, as a candidate for President, am going to propose that the statue be removed, and I would suggest, perhaps, that Governor Clinton of the state of Arkansas, who is proprietor of those concerns now, might wish to have the statue taken back to his state to be destroyed officially, or perhaps, if he's reluctant, Albert Gore from Tennessee might have some claim to the statue, since Nashville, Tennessee was the site of the founding of the Ku Klux Klan. He might want to take it back to Nashville and have it destroyed there.

But in any case, whoever does it, I think it's time to have that statue removed, to take that Ku Klux Klan organization off the taxpayers' rolls and remove it from Washington, D.C., and have it done before the November election.

The statue of Pike has several other significances. I've mentioned the fact that the Ku Klux Klan, which was originally an enterprise of British intelligence to destroy or disable the United States from within, has been used by those same circles today, or their descendants, to cause troubles in the United States and to run dirty operations in Germany and elsewhere in Europe. So it has continuing historic significance; it's not merely a *symbolic* insult to the black population of the United States and to all who are patriotic supporters of Abraham Lincoln and his cause; it's very much an active problem today.



*Gen. Albert Pike, supreme commander of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the southern states, was the founder of the Ku Klux Klan in Tennessee in 1867. One of the most evil men in American history, his statue (right) gazes upon the predominantly black population of Washington, D.C. Who will bring it down?*

## The strategic significance of the Civil War

I want to emphasize the importance of that statue and what it represents. We in the United States fought three wars against the British monarchy. First, the war for our independence. Second, the war to crush both the British monarchy and traitors from Boston and elsewhere inside the United States, who were conspiring with Britain to take away our independence—the War of 1812, so-called. And the third war we fought explicitly against Britain, or the forces directed from Britain, was the Civil War, the bloodiest war in our history, relatively speaking—a war which, according to explicit statements by a traitor who was then head of the Democratic Party, August Belmont, was launched by the British to the purpose of splitting the United States into several parts, so that it might be easily demolished by British imperialism.

Let me just indicate what that means.

We were saved by the aid given to Lincoln by the Czar of the Russias. About 1862-63, we were in a perilous state, although it had been demonstrated that once we got rid of the traitors such as General McClellan from the Union command, and brought in some honest patriots, such as Grant and Sherman and similar people, the United States Union would win the Civil War, if left alone, without outside support for the Confederacy. The British were at great pains to

rescue their Confederate operation, and planned, through Lord Palmerston, together with Lord Palmerston's personal puppet, Napoleon III of France, to deploy British and French naval forces—possibly with the aid of some Spanish forces the way they did in order to put the Hapsburg, Maximilian, in power with his bloody regime in Mexico—to break the Union blockade of the Confederacy and thus to force the Union to the point that Lincoln's government would have to accept the independence of the Confederacy, thus effectively splitting the United States not merely into two parts, but into several, thus accomplishing the effective destruction of the United States by this fragmentation of the North American continent.

It was at that point that the Czar of the Russias, Alexander II, intervened, with his naval fleet sailing to New York and San Francisco under sealed orders, to make war on the British and the French under Napoleon III—the first Entente Cordiale—in the event that the British and French forces should act to attempt to break the blockade of the Confederacy. He also threatened to make war throughout Europe, a threat which was communicated to London, to Lord Palmerston, and to the grandfather of Bertrand Russell, Lord Russell, and, of course, to the British puppet, the French catamite Napoleon III—or I should say, political catamite, Napoleon III.

So Russia, in a sense, saved the United States—not entirely, but it assisted us. As a result of that, an alliance was developed which involved Russia, Germany, the United States, and others—an anti-British, anti-Napoleon III alliance (or against those sections of freemasonry which were behind Napoleon III)—an alliance which was committed to propagating what was known as the American System of Political-Economy throughout this planet, as a means of bringing about freedom and an end to an evil system which had come to a dominant position during the course of particularly the 18th and 19th centuries.

This was represented on the Russian side not only by Czar Alexander II, but by a minority of the Russian aristocracy and civil service, centered later around Count Sergei Witte, also a collaborator of the great Dmitri Mendeleev, the founder of modern physical chemistry with his periodic table.

The Russians of this group around Sergei Witte, worked with certain forces in France, notably a force associated with Gabriel Hanotaux, the famous French foreign minister, and with forces in Germany and elsewhere, to attempt to bring about an alliance, cooperation, among France, Germany, Moscow, and Japan, to break the British grip on China, while using railroads and other infrastructural programs to develop all Eurasia as a continent of fraternal economic cooperation for the general good. This was a project which was not only spiritually allied to the American System, but was allied to the American System in other ways.

### **British subversion**

The British rightly saw these developments—Lincoln and the allies of the United States in Germany and in Russia—as the greatest threat to the British design for a one-world empire based on those philosophical views which were expressed by such representatives of the American southern freemasonic group in particular, as Albert Pike. The British shot Lincoln for the purpose of bringing into the presidency an Andrew Johnson, who was a pliable puppet of British pressures and British policies.

Andrew Johnson promoted the restoration of the banned southern Confederacy—that is, the southern freemasons, the B'nai B'rith, which was a banned organization, a treasonous organization, so banned because it was a treasonous agent of British intelligence, and also the Knights of the Golden Circle, which was reconstituted by Pike as the Ku Klux Klan of 1867, under the implicit patronage of Andrew Johnson, a man who should have been impeached, as the great Thaddeus Stevens attempted to do so.

With the assassination of Lincoln and the bringing into being of the Johnson administration of the 1860s, the United States was subverted, through the Specie Resumption Act and other measures, and brought around toward a Confederate point of view, to the point that today, the chief justice of the Supreme Court, William Rehnquist, is not only an admirer of the Justice Taney of the notorious *Dred Scott* decision—

a man who in fact was implicitly a traitor to the United States from the Supreme Court bench—but also admires the principles of the Confederate Constitution and hates the principles of the federal Constitution which he, together with Justice Scalia and others, is doing so much to destroy absolutely in this country today. There is no essential justice in the United States today.

In point of fact, what is going on is a form of fascism in law derived from the teachings of the evil John Locke, a worse kind of radical positivist fascism in law than we encountered under the influence of Karl Schmidt in 1920s-30s Germany.

As a result of this British plot, we have fought two world wars. The British again went to those forces in France around Théophile Delcassé which represented the same tradition in freemasonry as Britain's earliest political catamite, Napoleon III. This relationship between the British political sodomites and the French political catamites of that species, was called the Entente Cordiale. The Entente Cordiale was used to drown all continental Europe in its own blood, an operation which is known as World War I.

When Germany, in the early 1930s, moved in a direction, under a chancellor by the name of von Schleicher, which tended to revive the policy of cooperation which Witte had sought, the British intervened, with support from the Americans, to force upon Germany not only the overthrow of von Schleicher, but the installation of a British and American puppet known as Adolf Hitler, whom certain forces in this country and in Britain much admired because, in their explicit language—the mother of Averell Harriman, for example—they admired his racial purification policy, a policy which they fully shared.

Why are the British and the Americans deploying American Ku Klux Klanners and British Skinheads and so forth, into Germany, to give rise to what is called a neo-Nazi movement? Why are they doing that to Germany? Why are the friends of Henry Kissinger, such as Lord Carrington and Lawrence Eagleburger, unleashing and seeking to inflame further, a civil war in the Balkans? And believe me, Eagleburger and Carrington typify those forces which are responsible for starting and continuing this war. They have sabotaged every effort to bring the area into a peaceful state, in order to ensure the success of the Serbs. It's still going on.

Why have these forces assisted in inflaming wars in the Middle East? Why have they assisted in inflaming the Transcaucasus? Why are they working with Zbigniew Brzezinski again, of course, to enflame all Central Asia in what might potentially become a nuclear war? Why are they working to inflame a war potential between Pakistan and India over Kashmir and other issues? Why are they doing these evil things? Why did they do the things they've done to Somalia, and to the rest of Black Africa—and that is deliberate, that is not an accident, that is not negligence, that is *calculated evil*—why have they done these things? Is it because they

fear what Lincoln represented and what Count Sergei Witte represented? In part.

## The deeper conflict

What's the issue? It's not simply a question of a British Empire or, today, an Anglo-American one-world system. That's only a superficial issue.

In the course of this conference, you will see part of that deeper issue addressed, that for 2,500, 2,600 years, European civilization has been engulfed in a primal conflict which has gone on continuously to this point, but which will not continue forever. It will come to a final resolution. And the time for that resolution is rapidly approaching.

For 2,500 years, there has been a conflict between the patrons of the evil Aristotle and the faction of republicanism, which became absorbed into Christian European civilization, a faction of republicanism which is typified in Greek history by such figures as the great reformer Solon of Athens, the man who banned usury in Athens, and the greatest statesman of all time to date, the great Plato, the scientist and statesman whose work has been absorbed into the essential features of Christianity, as a contribution toward our Christian civilization.

Out of the work of Plato, under the guidance of Christianity, there developed in Europe the greatest civilization this planet has ever known. One can show this by simply looking at a chart of the growth of population, European and world population, since the middle of the 15th century, since the time of the Council of Florence. The unleashing of new forms of statecraft, the unleashing of what became modern science, the unleashing of a revitalized Christianity, at least for that time, caused the greatest florescence in the development of the human mind, and the development of the productive powers of labor, which this planet has ever known.

Unfortunately, that European civilization did not come only with its Christian form of Platonic enterprise. It was also burdened with something from the East, the heirs of the patrons of Aristotle. And the center of that evil was the Byzantine Empire, which is better known as the last remains of the Roman Empire. The Byzantine Empire, whose outpost of evil was Venice. And from Venice came institutions of usury, institutions which imposed a system which we call oligarchism, upon the West.

Since the time of Solon at least, the fight within European civilization has been against oligarchism, which is, essentially, wealthy, usurious institutions, such as the Cult of Delphi in ancient Greece, or the Lombard bankers in relatively modern times, or the case of Meshulim del Banco, whose descendants are known as Warburgs, who gave us the Federal Reserve System in the United States and the federal income tax system as we now have it; who gave us also what is called Marburg neo-Kantianism, or neo-Platonism, which is another form of intellectual evil sponsored by the Warburg Institute.

These typify creations (and they're not the most impor-

tant ones, but very important ones), of this Venetian influence. These are the oligarchs who believe in usury, who believe in what is called free trade today, which is a method of destroying an economy, which has done very well in destroying the U.S. economy over the past 25 years, as well as the British rubbish-heap of today.

That's been the conflict.

To understand the way this conflict is shaped in modern times, one has to go back to Pike, not as an individual, but as a typification of a group of racist traitors and degenerates called the Confederacy, typified today by the thinking of the chief justice of the Supreme Court, as well as the Ku Klux Klan, which tried to destroy the United States on British behalf and under British direction in the 19th century. Lincoln's alliance with the Czar of the Russias, in defeating that imperial plot from London, set into motion the kind of hysterical efforts on the part of the British-centered imperial forces, and those who resisted them, which has dominated the entirety of the past 130-odd years.

To understand anything of the history of the past 130 years, to understand any of the underlying issues which confront us today, we have to understand two things. We have to understand immediately that 130 years of American and European history since General Pike. That is the key to understanding Central America, South America, and so forth, immediately.

We also have to understand the larger context: 2,600 years of European civilization engulfed in a mortal conflict between two absolutely irreconcilable foes: the followers of Aristotle, typified by the Venetians, of whom you'll hear something in this conference, and who were typified also by the Confederacy; and the Christian followers, especially, of Plato.

We have reached the point that we must recognize that conflict, and bring it to a conclusion very soon. We must eliminate the oligarchical system from European civilization, eliminate the tradition of Aristotle and things that come under that tradition; and restore in Europe the full promise of a Christian civilization congruent with the great Renaissance, launched by such figures as the great Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa of the middle of the 15th century.

We must launch a rebuilding, not merely of the material means of existence—we can do that. We must launch a rebuilding of the individual person, through appropriate forms of education, compulsory education for everyone, to give everyone the means to participate in the building of society. In addition to educating everyone, we must also provide the opportunities for every person on this planet to do useful work, consistent with the development of their mental powers. And we must eliminate the possibility forever, of a recrudescence of what is typified by that evil statue in Washington, D.C., the statue which I've proposed must be removed and destroyed, the statue of that racist traitor and Satanic degenerate, Gen. Albert Pike.