

Australia Dossier by Allen Douglas

Exposé of royals draws blood

One of Prince Philip's lackeys has filed "racial vilification" charges against LaRouche's co-thinkers.

On June 7, the leader of the Labor Party in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), Canberra, Rosemary Follett, filed charges against Lyndon LaRouche's Australian co-thinkers, the Citizens Electoral Councils (CEC), with ACT's Human Rights Office. Follett complained that materials distributed by the CEC relating "to Australia's indigenous peoples have no other purpose than to incite hatred, contempt, and ridicule of Aboriginal people," and therefore breach the ACT's Discrimination Act.

Follett apparently did not read the relevant documents—"Prince Philip's 'Indigenist' Plot to Destroy Australia" (an *EIR Special Report* in the April 28 issue), nor the April-May *New Citizen*, which featured part two of a major exposé entitled "The Fraud of Aboriginal Land Rights." Had she done so, she would have seen that the person marked out for "hatred, contempt, and ridicule" of the Australian population, if anyone, is the royal consort, Prince Philip.

Through the Australian Conservation Foundation, which Prince Philip set up in 1963 as a branch of his World Wildlife Fund (WWF, now World Wide Fund for Nature), he founded Australia's "Aboriginal land rights movement," using Aborigines as cannon fodder, in order to splinter the Australian nation-state.

Follett herself came close to admitting the *Special Report* charge that all this is heading toward the same sort of separatist violence which has accompanied the WWF's similar activities in other nations, on a Canberra radio show on June 8: "The articles

and the publications themselves are presented quite professionally, but of course they are manipulations of fact. . . . The headings, for instance, typical headings in these articles, are 'Indigenist Plot to Destroy Australia,' and 'Are Anthropologists Creating Another Chiapas in Australia?' Of course, that was a well-known terrorist group that resulted in a great many murders and there are pictures throughout the article of murdered people. The clear implication is that this has something to do with Aboriginal land rights. In fact, all of the murder victims are from other countries."

The charge that "indigenous rights" would lead to bloodshed was in fact emphasized by the chief organizer of land rights in Australia, Prof. Henry Reynolds of James Cook University, in an interview printed in both publications.

Follett's charges were curiously timed. That very same afternoon, the federal Senate was scheduled to debate "racial vilification" laws, which the ruling Labor Party has been trying to ram through the Parliament for months. A couple of days before, again with timing fortunate for those trying to force the legislation through, the grave of Eddie Mabo was desecrated with swastikas. Mabo had been organized to file the case, which became known as the famous 1992 High Court "Mabo decision," which opened up most of Australia to land grabs under "Aboriginal" auspices, by Professor Reynolds.

The general assessment in Canberra is that Follett is acting as a cat's paw for the Labor Party, which has, at

the prompting of Prince Philip, been spearheading the move for "land rights" for the past two decades. Because many Australians are becoming increasingly upset over the fact that 30% of their country is now being locked up under "World Heritage," "conservation," or "Aboriginal land rights" guises, the Labor Party would urgently wish to put a lid on the *EIR-New Citizen* charges.

Follett's move, in the short term at least, has done exactly the opposite. CEC National Secretary Craig Isherwood appeared on the television evening news in Canberra and on several radio shows to refute Follett's charges, including on one drive-time radio interview with Follett herself.

One of the main charges of *EIR* and the *New Citizen* is that anthropologists created the whole "land rights" movement from scratch, with the financing and political direction from the Australian Conservation Foundation.

Typical of how this works is the Hindmarsh Island bridge dispute, which has been prominent in the nation's press for several weeks. Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister Robert Tickner stopped a \$5 million bridge across to Hindmarsh Island in South Australia, and a related \$100 million construction project, because the site was nominally involved in "secret Aboriginal women's business."

Tickner stopped the bridge without ever knowing what the actual issues were, since he, as a male, was not allowed to know what the "secret women's business" was all about, but took the word of a female anthropologist, who was allowed to examine the "secrets."

However, it has now emerged from the testimony of an Aborigine who was involved in manufacturing the entire episode, that the "secrets" were a hoax from the beginning.