

## British stooges sabotage Clinton foreign policy

by William Jones

The opponents of U.S. President Bill Clinton are exhibiting a good deal of desperation as the November elections approach, and the dwindling line-up of Republican candidates virtually assures the nomination of Sen. Bob Dole (Kan.) as the Republican candidate. In spite of sabotage of the President's campaign by the Democratic National Committee, there seems to be good reason to assume that Clinton will get four more years. Since he has spent much of his first term in office dismantling the Anglo-American "special relationship," the bane of U.S. foreign policy during most of this century, there has been a good deal of pow-wowing in London over what to do.

Not since Franklin Roosevelt read the "Riot Act" to Winston Churchill have the British been so concerned about their dwindling influence over U.S. policy, placing the United States, as Lyndon LaRouche has put it, in a virtual "war and a half" with the British Empire. The British have therefore embarked on a campaign to create an "arc of crisis" around all of the major Clinton foreign policy initiatives—in the Mideast, in Bosnia, in Northern Ireland, and in Asia. Most sinister are their attempts to create a U.S.-Russian and U.S.-Chinese conflict.

These British efforts in the domain of foreign policy are being supported at every turn by a group of Republican "Tories" in the Senate and House, who are also trying to breathe new life into the Whitewater scandal.

### British oligarchs galore

The gearing up of the election campaign has seen a flurry of visits to the United States by British oligarchs. In mid-March, Prince Philip came to Washington, ostensibly fundraising for his favorite charity, the Duke of Edinburgh

Award International Foundation, as *EIR* reported last week. The prince was fêted at a gala event by the Congressional Awards Foundation on March 12, which included Republican Sen. Larry Craig (Id.), and Reps. Bill Clinger (Pa.), Bill Livingston (La.), Tom Bliley (Va.), and House Whip Tom DeLay (Tex.).

Meanwhile, Baroness Margaret Thatcher, elevated to the nobility for her achievements in leading American Presidents around by the nose, gave a lecture on March 11 at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, commemorating the anniversary of Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech there 50 years ago. She used the opportunity to attack Clinton's foreign policy, and called for a rapid expansion of NATO into Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary—a move clearly aimed at undermining the carefully constructed partnership between President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

Ever an accurate barometer for the intentions of his masters in London, *Sunday Telegraph* scribbler Ambrose Evans-Pritchard wrote an article on March 10 entitled "Statesmanship Turns to Dust for Clinton," gloating that "everything is in ruins" for the President's foreign policy.

### Irish peace agreement in jeopardy

Nothing has more clearly distinguished the break of the Clinton administration with the Anglo-American special relationship, than the administration's attempts to achieve a permanent cease-fire in British-controlled Northern Ireland and a peace agreement between the parties. The White House and the National Security Council had taken a hand in bringing about that agreement, bypassing the State Department, a traditional hot-bed of Anglophilia. When the Clinton administra-



*Every positive initiative by President Clinton in foreign policy is now under assault by the British and their GOP friends in Congress. The "Tory" faction includes (left to right): Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (N.Y.), Sen. Connie Mack (Fla.), and Rep. Peter King (N.Y.), shown here at a news conference on Feb. 14, 1995.*

tion decided to issue a visa to Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams—a real turning point in the stalemated situation in Northern Ireland—numerous voices in the State Department were raised against it. They were overruled. The United States then turned up the heat on British Prime Minister John Major, to get him to bring the Unionist parties to the negotiating table. The visit of the U.S. President to Ireland at the beginning of December 1995 helped to firmly establish confidence in the U.S. role as an "honest broker" in the conflict.

The defection of some Tory members from the Major parliamentary faction earlier this year, however, gave Major a pretext for giving more leeway to the Unionists, allowing them to "up the ante" in the peace negotiations. Major's failure to set a date for all-party talks and his support for the Unionist call for elections in Northern Ireland prior to talks, led to a number of bombings in London, allegedly by the IRA. Again under U.S. pressure, Major agreed to set a date of June 10 for the beginning of all-party talks. If a cease-fire were to be restored by that time, Sinn Fein would be able to participate in the talks. Without Sinn Fein participation, however, any talks would be a sham.

The Republican "Tories" started beating the drums about President Clinton's "consorting with terrorists," meaning Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams. Speaking on the floor of the House on March 6, Rep. Steve Buyer (Ind.) complained about how "many people in the United Kingdom are extremely upset with the United States, in particular, the President of the

United States, with a coddling of Gerry Adams of the IRA, now that they have broken away from the peace process and have continued the indiscriminate use of terror."

Republican demands to shut down the Commerce Department entirely, also threaten to throw a monkey wrench into the reconstruction plans of the Clinton administration in Northern Ireland. Without an improvement in the conditions of life for those living in Northern Ireland, support for the peace process would quickly wane. Republicans are now threatening to investigate Commerce Secretary Ron Brown for inordinate travel expenses—when most of his travel was to try to secure the economic basis for peace agreements in Northern Ireland and the Middle East.

### **Blocking aid to the Palestinians**

In the Middle East, GOP hotheads are trying to block the prerequisite for success of the peace settlement: economic assistance for the Palestinians. Congressional Republicans, led by Rep. Benjamin Gilman (N.Y.) and Sen. Mitch McConnell (Ky.), said on March 4 that they would continue to block \$10 million in funds for the Palestinian Authority which the Clinton administration has requested, on the grounds that Yasser Arafat "must take decisive action against Hamas and other terrorists." These moves are clearly aimed at aggravating social unrest in the Palestinian-controlled areas in Gaza and the West Bank, and fanning the insecurity of the Israeli public.

Then on March 12, a hearing was called on the issue by the House International Relations Committee, chaired by Rep. Benjamin Gilman (N.Y.). State Department official Robert Pelletreau testified that the Palestinian Authority has been and will continue to cooperate vigorously in the effort to halt the terrorist bombings.

The small group of congressmen present all attacked the PLO and accused Arafat of being soft on terrorism, saying that he “talks one way in Arabic and another in English.”

Hassan Rahman, the Washington representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, answered these allegations very forcefully, pointing out that the insinuation that the PLO’s inability to stop terror bombers is proof that the PLO is complicit with Hamas military operations, is a specious lie.

When asked by Rep. Michael Forbes (R-N.Y.) whether the “U.S. taxpayer should be handing money over” to the Palestinian Authority, Rahman bluntly told the committee that only 1% of the promised aid had been delivered, and it is that failure, to alleviate “poverty and hopelessness,” which is creating sanctuary for Hamas terrorists.

The committee had no answer to his testimony, and all left the room after putting in a brief appearance. Only Representative Gilman remained to hear testimony from Stephen Spiegel, of the Center for International Relations at the University of California at Los Angeles, who backed up Pelletreau’s testimony, and pointed out that in all areas where the PLO was required to meet some standard as an effective ruling party, it had either complied, or was attempting to comply in all respects.

According to *Ha’aretz* newspaper in Israel, the Israeli government prevented Deputy Chief of Intelligence Brig. Gen. Ya’acov Amidror from testifying to the committee, because the Israeli government felt that his testimony would be used by those who want to stop the delivery of desperately needed aid for financial reconstruction in areas under the Palestinian Authority. An official of the Israeli embassy was listed as a speaker at the hearing, but, according to committee staff, the embassy refused to allow any testimony before the committee.

### **Wrecking the Bosnia accord**

As for Bosnia, the Senate voted March 13 to approve Bob Dole’s proposal withholding \$200 million for construction projects in that war-devastated country. The Dole legislation stops construction aid until President Clinton certifies that the Bosnian government has made all Iranian military instructors leave Bosnia; it forces Clinton to certify that other countries’ aid to Bosnia has matched the \$532 million in total U.S. aid; and it outlaws aid to repair housing wherever refugees were not allowed to return, for ethnic reasons or because of political affiliation.

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) worked with Dole on the aid cutoff, which Dole justified by posturing that Iranians’ presence in Bosnia “jeopardizes Bosnia’s future as a pluralis-

tic democratic State in Europe.” Dole said that Bosnia had to choose whether or not it wanted to be part of the West.

President Clinton had announced in December at the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords, the issuance of a “quick impact assistance package” of \$85.6 million for some 36 projects, including funds for emergency food and clothing, home heating, electricity, and infrastructure repairs. Four months later, much more is needed. The Pentagon has meanwhile issued a report for the Senate Intelligence Committee, warning that chances of peace are “dim,” unless substantial progress were made in rebuilding the civilian economy.

On March 12, NATO Commander Adm. Leighton Smith warned that the problems of getting money into Bosnia for reconstruction was the great threat to peace, that things are under control militarily, but that “if the civilian side goes belly-up, the possibility of peace in here diminishes dramatically.”

### **Playing the ‘China card’**

The British and their neo-con “Tories” are orchestrating a U.S. conflict with China, a development that Evans-Pritchard calls “the most serious foreign policy crisis of the Clinton Presidency.” Under pressure from Sen. Jesse Helms’s (R-N.C.) Foreign Relations Committee, the administration had issued a visa last October to Taiwan’s President, Lee Teng-hui, allowing him to attend, in a private capacity, a reunion at his alma mater, Cornell University. Helms and his friends did their best to turn the “private” visit into something equivalent to a State visit, in order to send the Beijing leaders up the wall. Beijing, quite predictably, reacted strongly to the visit.

Shortly before the elections in Taiwan, the Chinese started to conduct military exercises off the coast of Taiwan, firing missiles in the vicinity of the island. Helms and his cohorts began demanding strong action by the administration against Chinese “threats” to Taiwan. On March 19, the House of Representatives passed a Sense of the Congress Motion calling on the the United States to assist in defending Taiwan “against invasion, missile attack, or blockade” by China. Senator Dole said that China should be isolated for its behavior.

Beating the drum, the April issue of the *American Spectator*, one of the Hollinger Corp. and London’s favorite conduits for propaganda attacks on the Clinton Presidency, has a cover story, attacking Defense Secretary William Perry for allegedly corrupt business ties to the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA). The story is written by neo-con Kenneth Timmerman, and accuses Perry of being “soft on Beijing” due to lucrative contracts with the PLA by several companies he formerly worked for, and whose executives he has brought onto several Pentagon advisory boards. Rep. Floyd Spence (R-S.C.), chairman of the National Security Committee, is probing these Perry-PLA links, according to the report.