

Dole resignation means big trouble for Clinton and Dole

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Majority Leader Robert Dole's surprise resignation from the U.S. Senate on May 15, to devote full-time attention to his flagging Presidential campaign, has given the radical free marketeers of the British Crown's Mont Pelerin Society temporary control over the U.S. Senate, as well as the House of Representatives. This spells bad news for both President Clinton, and his likely Republican Presidential rival, Dole.

Barring a personal intervention by Senator Dole, before he leaves office in early June, the new Senate Majority Leader will be Trent Lott (R-Miss.), an aggressive proponent of the Contract with America and every other radical austerity and anti-government measure peddled by House Majority Leader Richard Armev (R-Tex.), Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), and the "Conservative Revolution" think-tanks that this magazine exposed in February 1995 as a British "fifth column" in Washington, devoted to the destruction of the United States as a Constitutional republic.

Lott's rise to the top of the GOP Senate leadership was underwritten, every step along the way, by the hard-core British faction within the GOP. Lott was handpicked in 1971 by Mont Pelerin Society members Rep. Phil Crane (R-Ill.) and Edwin Fuelner, Mont Pelerin treasurer and president of the Heritage Foundation, to be part of a radical "march through the Congress." Lott's Congressional campaign the following year was bankrolled by the American Conservative Union's director, Larry Pratt, who today is a leading propagandist for the militias, and the idea of the balkanization of the United States.

By 1988, having clawed his way to the number-two position among the House Republicans, Lott moved over to the Senate, and turned over his House leadership post to his protégé, Newt Gingrich. After just six years in the Senate, Lott seized the number-two post of Majority Whip, in what was understood to be an anti-Dole move by the "Conservative

Revolutionists" in the House of Representatives.

Although the Gingrich-Armev "revolution" ran aground early this year, following the Speaker's discredited efforts to hold the federal government hostage to his drive to decimate Medicare and Medicaid, in order to pass tax breaks on to Wall Street's speculators, these Jacobins have by no means given up the fight. The ascent of Lott to the Senate leadership post, virtually assures that President Clinton, if he is re-elected, *without also winning back Democratic Party control over the Congress*, will be "Whitewatergated" out of office, and, perhaps, even framed and railroaded into jail, before you can say "Richard Nixon."

British faction mobilized

The mobilization of the hard-core British faction within the GOP was evident at the May 20 awards dinner of the *American Spectator*, which took place in Washington. The *American Spectator* is a monthly magazine run by Tory propagandist Conrad Black's Hollinger Corp., on behalf of the British oligarchy. It has led the assault against President Clinton since the early days of the administration. The awards dinner was bankrolled by Mont Pelerin money-bags, and leading Clinton-basher, Richard Mellon Scaife, who arranged to have Sir Henry Kissinger appear as the keynote speaker. Kissinger delivered a no-holds-barred attack against President Clinton. Conrad Black, a member of Prince Philip's "1001 Club," showed up to receive the magazine's "man of the year" award. The *American Spectator*'s editor-in-chief, R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr., is soon to publish a slanderous biography of the President, titled *Boy Clinton*, which has begun to receive pre-release publicity.

Dole's departure from his post as Senate Majority Leader, far from giving the Kansan more freedom to pursue his Presi-

dential campaign, will give the Mont Pelerin crowd even greater control over the GOP.

Stephen Moore, a Mont Pelerinite and adviser to House GOP leader Armev, who personally wrote much of the Contract with America, could hardly conceal his glee at Dole's resignation. In an interview with the *Chicago Tribune*, published shortly after the Senate Majority Leader's press conference, he said: "A Dole administration would be vastly different from a Clinton administration. . . . *Not that Bob Dole is all that different from Bill Clinton, but domestic policy in this country would be made by Lott and Gingrich.* . . . All those things that Clinton vetoes—tax cuts, a capital gains tax cut, product liability reform, a balanced budget, welfare reform—would happen in the first 100 days of a Dole administration" (emphasis added).

Dole was targetted

Dole's departure from the Senate had all the hallmarks of a dirty tricks effort *against* the Republican Presidential nominee-apparent by the British wing of his own party. Short of campaign cash, following a tough early primary battle against Pat Buchanan and billionaire Malcolm Forbes, Jr., Dole had hoped to spend the next several months "campaigning" from the floor of the Senate, by reasserting his leadership of the party's Congressional majority. Instead, he found himself confronted by a revolt of the "Conservative Revolutionaries" on a number of policy fronts, including the still-unresolved fight over an effort by Democrats to increase the minimum wage.

When a group of Republican legislators came back from Easter recess, convinced that they would lose re-election unless they withdrew their opposition to the minimum wage hike, Armev, who has taken over the day-to-day management of the Congress from Gingrich, announced that he would rather die, than allow the raise to pass. This prompted a series of public attacks against Gingrich and Armev by Dole's Congressional allies, including Sen. Al D'Amato (N.Y.), chairman of Dole's critical New York campaign committee, and Rep. Peter King (N.Y.). King accused Armev of pandering to a bunch of "hillbillies at a revival meeting" by abandoning the "Reagan Democrats"—the northeastern and midwestern blue collar, ethnic, largely Catholic voter bloc, that swept Ronald Reagan into the White House in 1980. Armev in turn condemned King for "pandering to union bosses." The Congressional GOP, in short, far from rallying behind Dole, began coming apart at the seams, effectively driving Dole out of Washington before his campaign was killed altogether.

Dole had already signalled his desperation, and his willingness to make peace with his worst enemies within the GOP ranks, by a day-long meeting with former President George Bush, earlier this year. Within a week of his Senate resignation, Dole held another highly publicized session, with Malcolm Forbes, Jr., after which he announced that Forbes (who has peddled a flat tax scheme that would eliminate all taxes

on speculative profits), will serve as an economic policy adviser to his campaign.

Frontal assault on labor

A week before Dole's resignation announcement, Rep. John Boehner (Ohio), the head of the House Republican Conference and a leading Gingrichite "Jacobin," received a staff memorandum titled "Washington Union Bosses/Alleged Affiliations With Organized Crime," calling for the Congressional Republicans to launch a public attack against the AFL-CIO, to counter the labor movement's announced war against the radical free-market Republicans. According to the memo, which was revealed in a Robert Novak column published in the *Washington Post* the day after Dole's resignation from the Senate, Boehner and the Gingrich-Armev-Lott crowd plan to stage a series of Congressional show trials, targeting AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, Teamster President Ron Carey, White House Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes, Jr. (a New York labor lawyer), and Laborers President Arthur Coia, as front men for organized crime. According to Novak, Rep. Bill McCollum (R-Fla.) will lead the witch-hunt through "oversight hearings" by his House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime this summer.

The planned assault on organized labor was launched in the April 1996 issue of *Reader's Digest* by Senior Editor Eugene Methven, who penned an article, titled "The Clintons and the Union Boss," which focussed on First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's ties to Laborers' President Coia.

Methven's role in the latest "Get Clinton" offensive is no surprise, since he is no stranger to political dirty tricks. During the 1982-88 Henry Kissinger-led frameup against Lyndon LaRouche, Methven was a participant in the "salon" of Wall Street investment banker and leading Iran-Contra covert operator John Train. At the behest of Kissinger and Bush, Train assembled a collection of media scribblers, including Methven, NBC producer Pat Lynch, writers and editors from the *Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, *New Republic*, etc.; along with representatives of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and officials of the Bush-North National Security Council apparatus. Their job was to coordinate a black propaganda campaign that would create the climate for a juridical railroad of LaRouche. Financing for the effort came from, among others, Richard Mellon Scaife.

Following President Clinton's election in 1992, and the outbreak of a "war and a half" between Washington and London, this same apparatus was mobilized to lead the propaganda offensive against the Presidency, which LaRouche exposed in a widely circulated Spring 1994 document issued by his Democratic campaign committee, "Assault on the Presidency." Now, the same crowd, with the backing of the British-backed caucus in the GOP in Congress, is out to block President Clinton's 1996 reelection drive, as well as the effort by organized labor to defend living standards, following 16 years of self-destruction under the presidency of Lane Kirkland.