

Norway's Brundtland revives slander that 'LaRouche killed Palme'

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On April 23, Swedish TV Channel 3 made a ham-handed effort to revive accusations that associates of Lyndon LaRouche were involved in the Feb. 28, 1986 assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme. The absurd and discredited slander came up in an interview with Norway's former Social Democratic prime minister, Gro Harlem Brundtland. The interview was conducted by Mona Sahlin, at one time Sweden's deputy prime minister in the government of Palme's Social Democratic successor Ingvar Carlsson. Although the slander was a tiny part of the interview, over the next several days, the Brundtland slander was plastered across the pages of most Scandinavian dailies, including *Svenska Dagbladet*, *Expressen*, and *Göteborgs-Posten* in Sweden, and in *Aftenposten* in Norway. Responding to a question about her best memories of her fellow Social Democrat, Palme, Brundtland recalled that "some weeks before the tragedy, we were in India, with the Palme Commission. . . . But we were talking about things that happened in Sweden, about—with people from other countries and Sweden, whom he would see at different meetings he was addressing, [he] recognized the same faces, and was concerned about what really was going on—.

Sahlin interrupted: "Did Olof say that he was concerned?"

Brundtland: "Yes, we were talking about this, since it was something which . . . called itself social democrats, which were—originated in the U.S.A.—

Sahlin interrupted again: "EAP," referring to the European Labor Party, co-thinkers of LaRouche in Europe.

"Yes," responded Brundtland. "And that is what we talked about, and he was saying things—uh—that frightened me, and that I realized that he really was a bit worried about. I have thought about this a lot afterwards."

One day later, Sweden's Channel 2 aired an hour-long documentary, which accused the LaRouche movement of being a "CIA provocation." The documentary was ostensibly a history of the movement of American deserters who came to Sweden in the late 1960s, protesting the U.S. war in Vietnam. But much of the documentary focussed on Bill Jones, who, 30 years ago, had been a founder and chairman of the American Deserters Committee, and who is now *EIR* Washington bureau chief. The documentary made the convoluted argument that the committee was part of a CIA plot, and, therefore, Jones, and, by extension, the LaRouche

group, were all CIA agents. The documentary's producer, Birgitta Bergmark, is a former member of the Swedish Communist Party.

One well-informed Swedish source asked *EIR*, after hearing Brundtland's interview: "If Palme had told her he feared the EAP, why did she wait ten years to tell anyone?" Indeed, the recruitment of Brundtland to this latest dirty operation against LaRouche, calls into question her and Norway's role in the murky affairs of the 1980s, including Palme's murder outside a Stockholm movie theater.

A Stasi disinformation operation

It is widely known, particularly in Sweden, that the "LaRouche killed Palme" slander was a disinformation operation, directed by the East German secret police, the hated Stasi. In the Aug. 20-26, 1992 edition of *Journalisten*, the weekly publication of the Swedish Journalists Association, former Stasi Department X officer, Lt. Col. Herbert Brehmer, confessed that he had personally orchestrated the disinformation program. Brehmer, in a series of widely publicized interviews with the Swedish media, admitted that as many as 50 Stasi assets had been deployed to plant the disinformation about LaRouche and Palme.

The murder has never been solved.

This latest attack, emanating from Scandinavian Social Democratic circles, comes at a time when new revelations on the Iran-Contra operations of George Bush and his underling, Lt. Col. Oliver North, have been coming out in the United States, Sweden, South Africa, Britain, and Germany. Internationally, LaRouche and his associates have been in the forefront of publishing these revelations. In October 1996, *EIR* published its *Special Report* entitled "George Bush and the 12333 Serial Murder Ring." The *Special Report* documented how in September 1996, several former officials of the South African police, admitted in testimony before the country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, that South Africans Craig Williamson and "Ant" White, and a Swede, Bertil Wedin, had participated in the Palme assassination.

Williamson, White, and Wedin, according to *EIR*'s investigation, were not acting on behalf of the South African regime, but on behalf of an East-West arms-for-drugs underground, implicating high-ranking officials of the KGB, the Stasi, British Intelligence, the Mossad, and the George Bush-

led and White House-based “Iran-Contra” parallel intelligence apparatus.

The report also highlighted the “suicide” of Uwe Barschel, the former governor of the German state of Schleswig-Holstein, who was found dead in a Geneva hotel room on Oct. 10, 1987. Like Palme, Barschel had stumbled upon aspects of the East-West guns-for-drugs pipeline, and he threatened to go public with the evidence. In the past weeks, new evidence has corroborated the direct role of Oliver North in the Barschel affair; and, attorneys in Europe are now trying to force North to testify under oath about his involvement with the murdered German politician (see *EIR*, April 25, p. 43).

In short, as a result of the *EIR* publications, and the efforts of others, to get to the bottom of these murders, the lid is about to blow on some of the most hideous secrets of the 1980s—secrets that jeopardize some powerful political figures, especially Margaret Thatcher and George Bush.

The Norway connection

The Norwegian component of the complex of East-West intelligence operations, including the massive illegal—nonetheless government-sanctioned—arms sales to the various Middle East and African war zones in the 1980s, has also been documented. Norway’s two leading ammunition manufacturers, Raufoss, and Dyno Industrier, were integral members of the international munitions networks, which *EIR* has linked to Palme’s assassination.

Brundtland was Norway’s prime minister during this period. Significantly, in her Swedish TV interview, she revealed the little-known fact that she had accompanied Palme on his official trip to India in January 1986, where Palme was the European representative to the “five continents summit,” a disarmament conference hosted by India’s Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. However, it is widely believed that the actual purpose of that trip was to conclude the largest weapons deal in Sweden’s history, to supply India with howitzers and ammunition from the Swedish arms manufacturer and munitions cartel member, Bofors. Our *Special Report* report documents how this \$1.3 billion weapons deal, was linked to both Palme’s assassination in 1986 and Rajiv Gandhi’s assassination in 1991. It is also known that Bofors-India deal, was to include subcontracting out to other cartel members—which of course, would include arms manufacturers in Brundtland’s Norway.

Sweden’s western neighbor also figures in the so-called “South Africa track” of the assassination of Palme. Craig Williamson had longstanding ties to several leading figures in the Swedish Social Democracy, including former Prime Minister Carlsson, dating back to Williamson’s penetration in the 1970s of the International University Education Fund. IUEF was funded by the Swedish government and managed by leading Swedish and European Social Democracy leaders to finance the education of anti-apartheid South African students (see *EIR*, March 21, 1997). Having managed to become

IUEF’s executive director, Williamson used the fund to target African National Congress members for harassment, and even assassination. While in the IUEF, Williamson travelled often to Norway, meeting with Norwegian Social Democratic leaders. These activities which, in effect, made leading elements of the Socialist International complicit in the South African apartheid killing machine, have never been thoroughly investigated.

Who is Gro Harlem Brundtland?

The revival of the “LaRouche is CIA” and “LaRouche behind the Palme murder” slanders signifies that leading British and allied Club of the Isles circles are becoming increasingly alarmed at the growing political influence of LaRouche, and, in particular, the positive response from leading political circles in the United States, Central Europe, Africa, and Asia, to LaRouche’s recent proposals for the Eurasian Land-Bridge project, and the convening of a New Bretton Woods Conference, to reorganize the world monetary system. Sources in Washington familiar with the slanders, emphasize that the “Eurosociologists” comprise the backbone of the European Union Commission bureaucracy, and are the “apparatchiks” who do the dirty work of the European financial oligarchy. That apparatus is in an all-out mobilization to preserve their Maastricht agenda, in the face of growing opposition—opposition that they fear can be greatly catalyzed by the Land-Bridge and New Bretton Woods policies of LaRouche.

Brundtland, as vice chairman of the Socialist International, is one of the leading Social Democrats in Europe. Furthermore, she is former chairman of the so-called Brundtland Commission, organized under the United Nations in 1983 for the study of policies for “sustainable development.” Its official report, published in 1988, was a blueprint for global genocide. A cursory review of her colleagues on the commission, places her in the center of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF, now the World Wide Fund for Nature) and 1001 Club apparatus, headed by Britain’s Prince Philip, the titular chief operations officer of the Club of the Isles. They include:

- Maurice Strong, the Canadian energy magnate and former head of the United Nations Environment Program, Prince Philip’s right-hand man in North America.
- Mansour Khalid, a former professor of economics at the University of Khartoum, Sudan, who is currently official spokesman of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), based in Asmara, Eritrea. The NDA is a creation of Baroness Caroline Cox’s Christian Solidarity International apparatus, and is running the British-backed invasion of Sudan by the mercenary Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army of John Garang.
- Shridath “Sonny” Ramphal, the former secretary general of the British Commonwealth.
- William Ruckelshaus, former head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a leading American member of the 1001 Club.