

## McVeigh is convicted, but the truth remains buried

by Jeffrey Steinberg

On June 2, a Federal jury in Denver, Colorado, found Timothy McVeigh guilty on all 11 counts of murder and conspiracy to blow up the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, on April 19, 1995. As we go to press, sentencing is still under way. The jury is to determine whether he will be put to death, or jailed without prospect of parole. Later this year, the second man charged in the Oklahoma City bombing, Terry Nichols, will go on trial, before the same Federal judge, Richard Matsch, in Denver. Both men also face state murder trials in Oklahoma City.

While the major national news media have been full of praise for Judge Matsch's "tough but fair" management of the case, the reality is that justice has not been served. From the very outset, the government was in possession of evidence that McVeigh and Nichols could *not* have carried out the bombing on their own; it suppressed this evidence. Recently, the Inspector General of the Justice Department issued a public report, finding that the FBI Crime Lab had tampered with evidence in the Oklahoma City case, in favor of the indictment of McVeigh and Nichols as "lone assassins."

The entire issue of a broader conspiracy — whether or not McVeigh and Nichols were players in the bombing — was kept out of the trial; and, as the result, the United States is still faced with a grave national security threat, while the public is lulled into thinking that the case is closed, and that it was merely a case of what the prosecution and the media have dubbed "home-grown terrorism."

### Suppressed evidence

In the weeks immediately following the 1995 bombing, *EIR* investigators received qualified information from a range of government sources, who all agreed that the level of sophistication required to bring down the Murrah Building was far beyond the technical competence of McVeigh, Nichols, or

any of their known Army associates. The universal conclusion, at that time, was that the real masterminds of the bombing had not been captured, and the case was still open.

Months after the Oklahoma City Federal grand jury handed down indictments against McVeigh and Nichols, and the Justice Department pronounced the case solved, government agencies were still aggressively pursuing leads in Canada, western Europe, and the Philippines, all suggestive of foreign involvement. At one point, defense attorney Steven Jones sent a team of investigators to London to pursue leads on possible involvement by British-based organizations. Jones's efforts to obtain full disclosure on all of the government's investigations and leads, prior to McVeigh's arrest, were blocked by Judge Matsch, who severely limited the amount of discovery on the government's own investigation.

In the introduction to an *EIR* report, written on May 18, 1995, Lyndon LaRouche summarized the situation at the time as follows: "Virtually identical studies reported to this news service by three authoritative sources, indicate, that the mass-murderous blast which destroyed the Oklahoma City Federal building, on April 19, 1995, was not simply a large 'fertilizer bomb,' but a shaped charge designed and placed with a degree of sophistication beyond the capability of any of the suspects touted by the British major news media and their 'American cousins.' Those engineering studies of the effects of the blast upon the building's structure, indicate that the agency which prepared and designed the shaped charge and its placement were at a level above ordinary Special Forces training, the level of military intelligence specialists, or higher."

LaRouche added: "That report is consistent with this news service's own acquired expertise in investigating international terrorist incidents, during the course of the 1970s and 1980s. Frequently, the famous terrorist groups featured in the news media's reports were either nonexistent, or were only a

screen behind which professional intelligence agencies operated.”

Subsequent technical studies, suggesting that there may have been additional shaped charges placed inside the building, bolster the assessment that McVeigh and Nichols were, at most, second-tier players in the bombing.

### Rees-Mogg and Evans-Pritchard

*EIR* added another crucial dimension to the bomb probe that was ignored during the Denver trial, and was suppressed by the major media: the role of the British in waging a several-year-long irregular warfare campaign against the United States, and, particularly, against the Clinton Presidency. At the time of the Oklahoma City bombing, agencies of the Britain monarchy and its allied Club of the Isles were engaged in a “war and a half,” to destroy the Clinton Presidency. This included an unrelenting smear campaign, which the White House legal office later dubbed “the media food chain,” and a large number of prior incidents of anti-American international terrorism, including the World Trade Center bombing, and 17 incidents, involving threats or actual physical attacks against the White House and the First Family.

Since the Oklahoma bombing, there have been two more incidents of international terrorism, targeting American soldiers in Saudi Arabia. Both incidents involved truck bomb attacks, and, in both instances, the London-backed “Afghansi” Osama Bin Laden has publicly claimed credit. In recent years, a half-dozen governments, including those of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Israel, and France, have condemned the British government for harboring and financing terrorist organizations targeting them.

From the outset of the Clinton Presidency, the British media campaign against the White House has been led by Lord William Rees-Mogg, former editor of Rupert Murdoch’s *London Times*, and Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, the Hollinger Corp.’s *Sunday Telegraph*’s Washington correspondent.

It is of special note in the Oklahoma City case that, for months prior to the bombing, Rees-Mogg and Evans-Pritchard conducted a media campaign, hyping the emergence of “home-grown” American militias, vastly overstating their popular support and military readiness, and at the same time, propagandizing that the Clinton administration was about to launch a campaign of repression against them. Pure disinformation. In the weeks leading up to April 19, 1995, Rees-Mogg and Evans-Pritchard were involved in a classic black propaganda intelligence operation, aimed at provoking a conflict between crazed elements of the militias and the Clinton administration and Federal law enforcement agencies. This effort seriously clouded the environment in which the initial probe of the Oklahoma bombing took place, and contributed to Federal investigators being diverted into a fruitless probe of domestic false-trials.

All of these factors, essential to any competent, top-down

probe, were missing from the Justice Department investigation and the Denver trial.

### LaRouche blasts the travesty

In an interview with the weekly international radio broadcast “EIR Talks” on June 3, LaRouche commented on the Denver trial, in the course of answering a question about his own persecution by the Justice Department and the FBI, which included several serious government-sanctioned assassination attempts:

“There is very little justice in the United States. You see this terrible McVeigh trial, where the only thing it comes down to, is a guilty charge: That was a *showboat*; that was not a real trial. Somebody may call it a trial, but it’s *not*, not of the *issue*. Someone blew up a building. There’s evidence of FBI tampering with the evidence, and the tampered evidence was used in furtherance of bringing the indictment, and so forth and so on. But, you had so many restrictions, limitations, on the trial, on the evidence, that the truth didn’t come out. On the other hand, you had people who were relatives of those who died in that Oklahoma building bombing, and of course, in this climate they want a *victim!* There’s less concern for getting the people who were *responsible* for that sabotage act, that death, than the urge to get the first guy you can get, and lynch him, and hang him; and, obviously, everything indicates that McVeigh and those people, did not have the capability of running that operation; didn’t have it! Why, don’t we want to get the people who actually did it? Don’t we want truth anymore? Don’t we *care about justice* anymore? . . .

“And, this is typical: that *we do not have justice anymore in the United States*. You want to talk about the greatest insecurity today in the United States? You have over 51% of the people who are eligible to vote, don’t even bother. These include people who have fought our wars, as soldiers, or airmen, or sailors. These include people who would have fought our wars, if we’d called them up. These are people who were distinguished in former times by patriotism, who’ve lost their patriotism, who are disaffected. The appeal of the militia, for example, is part of that. It’s one of the most dangerous things in our society. That the injustice and corruption in our government, including the Department of Justice, under people like Mark Richard and Jack Keeney, people like that, in the permanent bureaucracy. This injustice.

“This stink of corruption, has disaffected Americans to such a degree, that we are becoming vulnerable to some foul ball coming in and using disaffected people to create a cover for his running terrorism against the United States, or people in the United States. I think that’s important. I think it’s important to get to the *bottom* of these things and find out the truth. And not to get the first slob you can grab, and take him out and lynch him, in what *passes* for a trial, technically, surrounded by limitations, which prevent the truth from being explored at trial, as it should be.”

# Unions to hold 'power outrage' conference to fight deregulation

by Marianna Wertz

Four AFL-CIO unions are planning a two-day "Deregulation Summit" in Washington, D.C. on June 18-19, including lobbying Congress, to deliver the message that "deregulation of the utility industry is undermining our jobs, our families, our communities, our whole way of life!" This is the first major attack on deregulation by the unions affected by it, and it is expected to draw a large audience of activists.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Utility Workers (UWUA), the Mine Workers (UMWA), the Service Employees (SEIU), and the Boilermakers unions. Presidents of the UWUA, UMWA, and SEIU will all address the conference, as will AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Richard L. Trumka.

The flyer announcing the conference, titled "Power Outrage," depicts a Wall Street financier pulling out the electric plug, accompanied by a quote from Jeffrey Skilling, president of the George Bush-connected Enron Corp., saying, "You must cut costs ruthlessly by 50% or 60%. Depopulate. Get rid of people. They gum up the works."

The UWUA's magazine, *Light*, provides ample documentation that deregulation of the electric industry is not only dangerous, but *unnecessary*. As **Figures 1** and **2**, drawn from the UWUA literature, show, regulation of the utility industry, begun in 1935 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act, has worked. As *Light* comments, "In addition to being one of the world's lowest-cost producers of electricity, the United States has no peer in the efficiency, productivity, or reliability of electric utilities."

So, why the push for deregulation? As UWUA spokesman Carl Wood told *EIR* in a May 23 interview (see below), the motive is the huge profits possible through a deregulated system. The model, he said, is Great Britain, where double the rate of profit has been sucked out of consumers since deregulation took effect.

The unions are warning that Wall Street's deregulation plan would: force utility mergers, replacing regulated local utilities with giant, uncontrolled national power monopolies; eliminate thousands of good jobs; force local utility plants to shut down, resulting in major losses in tax revenues for communities; force working families, senior citizens, and small businesses to pay for lost tax revenue with higher taxes or public service cuts; cut workers and reduce preventive maintenance, making power outages more frequent and longer-lasting; lead to hard-sell telemarketing and direct-mail promotions offering confusing rate changes and false prom-

ises; and force families in rural areas and low-income neighborhoods to pay higher rates.

In his May 21 letter to all the UWUA locals, Utility Workers President Donald E. Wightman urged maximum attendance at the conference. "The more people attending and visiting Congress, the greater impact we will have. Contrary to some pessimists, we do not believe that deregulation is a 'done deal,' especially at the Federal level. Lend your support and your presence to ensure that it does not become a done deal."

For more information on the conference, or to order the Power Outrage action guide, call 1-888-8NO-DEREG (1-888-866-3734).

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## Interview: Carl Wood

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*Carl Wood, spokesman for the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA), AFL-CIO, gave the following interview to Marianna Wertz on May 23.*

**EIR:** What do you think will happen at the Deregulation Summit and what is going to come out of it?

**Wood:** It seems that most of the players in this whole deregulation issue are taking it for granted that deregulation is going to happen, and that it's going to happen without any kind of serious challenge. We're not prepared to accept that. We think that deregulation is not a good idea. Maybe that's too general. But we think there are a lot of unanswered questions, at a minimum, and that there have to be assurances and guarantees that no classes of customers, particularly residential and small business customers, are going to be disadvantaged by whatever deregulation is legislated. And, every indication we see is that those are precisely the groups that are going to be hurt.

In addition, we think that it is necessary that the workers in the industry receive some protection against losing their jobs, and having the conditions on the jobs that remain, degraded. Every indication that we have is that wherever deregulation has been implemented in other parts of the world, and in other industries in the United States, it has been tremendously damaging to workers in the industry.

**EIR:** Your literature bears that out. It also tends to put the blame on Wall Street or profit motives.

**Wood:** Right. Clearly, what's driving this is a desire by some big business interests to make a lot of money off deregulation. You only have to look at what happened in Great Britain, where the electrical industry was deregulated and privatized, and the rate of profit of the new companies that were set up was probably twice what is typically authorized in a regulated U.S. utility. I think big business in the United States is looking at that and licking its chops.

**EIR:** I was struck by the quote you used in your leaflet. "You must cut costs ruthlessly by 50 to 60%, depopulate. . . ."