

# Bomb Not Ruled Out in Concorde Crash

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The possibility that a bomb was the cause of the dramatic July 25 crash of Air France's Concorde Flight 4590 was revealed in the Paris daily *Le Monde* on Aug. 2. This raises the question of whether powerful Anglo-American interests were responsible for this explosion, as a warning to France, and other nations, not to break ranks at a time when the oligarchy's world financial system is on the brink of systemic collapse. The fact that 100 German citizens were killed in the catastrophe brings up the possibility that the crash was also designed to target the Franco-German alliance.

*Le Monde* quoted André Turcat, a former Concorde test pilot, saying, "A terrorist attack should not be excluded *a priori*." Amazingly, this was the first time such a possibility

has been raised by a highly credible source and reported in one of France's most important newspapers. Even more amazing was that this possibility has been blacked out of the international media. That fact itself should raise some obvious questions.

Also not widely reported outside France was that French President Jacques Chirac was an eyewitness to the catastrophe. His aircraft, returning from the G-8 meeting in Okinawa, landed only minutes prior to the destruction of one of France's national symbols. The decision to ground Air France's entire supersonic transport fleet was made personally by President Chirac.

## The Le Monde Report

In the first of two articles, *Le Monde* reports on the statement of the special commission investigating the crash, headed by Alain Monnier, the inspector general of France's civil aviation authority, after it held its first meeting in Paris on Aug. 1. At the end of the meeting, Monnier said that all the speculation in the press is just that: speculation. He declared that the authorities "are not in a position to elaborate the most minimal scenario" of what happened to the Concorde. "An investigation such as that of the Concorde will take a year's work."

## Concorde Crash Comes as France Bucks the British

*Here is a statement by Jacques Cheminade, President of Solidarité et Progrès, the French co-thinkers of Lyndon LaRouche, issued on Aug. 3.*

As a concerned French citizen, I feel it is my duty to stress two points regarding the July 25 crash of the Concorde in Paris. These elements necessitate articulating the hypothesis of sabotage, which is, of course, not proven materially, but which should be a matter of public concern and debate.

First, at this moment, a week after the crash, there is no satisfactory explanation for what happened. Diverse factors are known, but their interaction, and the chronology of the events, remain unknown, according to all that has been said about it.

Second, the crash took place at a moment in history, when the French authorities have challenged the Anglo-American oligarchy in many areas. One should not forget French Foreign Affairs Minister Hubert Védrine's "no" to U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's plans for misusing "democracy" as a means of blackmailing nation-

states, at the recently concluded "World Democracy Conference" in Warsaw, Poland.

The oligarchy has answered by violent attacks against the French government, via the *Wall Street Journal* and through the declarations of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, at the Hoover Institution in Stanford, California, where she vehemently denounced the "delusions of grandeur" of the French.

It should be taken into consideration, that the Concorde is precisely *the* symbol of French independence and grandeur. An accident occurring thus to the plane, could be seen as "teaching a lesson" to France.

This hypothesis is not farfetched, if we consider that we are not in a normal period of history, but at the very point where the international financial and monetary system is about to collapse. Even Michel Camdessus, former Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, admitted that "a catastrophe is ahead of us," if a profound change is not rapidly implemented. Under such circumstances, as shown by the Nov. 30, 1989 murder of German banker Alfred Herrhausen, the Anglo-American oligarchy has the habit of sending "messages" to those who threaten to challenge its dictatorship. . . .

I am confident that the special commission investigating the crash will do its work properly, with the support of the French government.