

London Uses ANC Split Against South Africa

by David Cherry

Nov. 4—The thousands of attendees at a national convention in Johannesburg Nov. 1—called to solidify support for a new party that will split the ruling African National Congress (ANC)—cheered and chanted when Helen Zille, leader of an existing, pro-British opposition party, the Democratic Alliance (DA), came to the rostrum. Historically, the DA has been steered from London and is committed to “free enterprise.” In cheering Zille, the audience gave a strong indication that the new party could be used as an arm of the British operation to weaken and control the South African government, just as it faces the challenge of world economic collapse. Estimates of attendance varied from 4,800 to 6,300; all were treated to a very pleasant meal.

Former Defense Minister Mosiuoa Lekota, who heads the new party effort, has said that the party would be happy to ally with the DA. Lekota claims that South Africa’s best chance to eliminate poverty is to maintain free-market policies to attract foreign investment. But, what foreign investment can South Africa expect in this period of economic collapse and financial explosion that is dealing South Africa a body blow?

The other arm of the British operation is the takeover of the ANC leadership itself, by Brit-friendly billionaires Cyril Ramaphosa, Tokyo Sexwale, and Mathews Phosa (see “A Slow-Motion British Coup in South Africa,” *EIR*, July 11, 2008). Ramaphosa and Sexwale are members of the ANC national executive committee; Phosa is ANC treasurer. The Sept. 20 coup, against former President Thabo Mbeki, provoked the split in the ANC that is now playing out.

The themes of the convention speakers were limited to support for the South African Constitution, the rule of law, and participatory democracy, taking the thugish behavior of the ANC under its new triumvirate as the point of departure. There was not even a hint of any recognition by the speakers of the economic crisis—the worst in modern history—not to mention any solution.

A team from the LaRouche movement of South Africa (LaRouche SA)—which does understand the

crisis and how to resolve it—attended and distributed more than 2,000 leaflets and pamphlets. The LaRouche presence represented a clear alternative: a New Bretton Woods proposal founded on the Westphalian principle of “the advantage of the other.”

It is precisely the lack of any serious solution—from those on either side of the split—to South Africa’s 40% unemployment and the attendant poverty and squalor, that underscores the emptiness of their words and their vulnerability to outside control.

As London Sees It

To maintain control under conditions of economic collapse—for which the empire is itself responsible—the British imperial managers intend to install governments that will crush resistance wherever they can. The late Carroll Quigley, of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Washington, exposed the nature of these imperial operations in the first part of the 20th Century in *The Anglo-American Establishment* (1981).

South Africa, so rich in raw materials, is a major target of the imperial managers. South Africa is also key to their control of sub-Saharan Africa as a whole. And within South Africa, the ANC is the crucial institution. It has credibility with South Africans as the instrument through which apartheid was destroyed. It is disciplined and reaches into every dorp and township. The managers foresaw the current collapse and the sinking of the population into agony; they asked whether, under these developing conditions, they could control and use the ANC. The current political conflict is the working out of that question.

In the rapid onrush of economic collapse, however, the outcome is uncertain. The managers may move too fast and expose themselves. Elder statesmen of the liberation struggle may come to recognize what is at stake and start a fight for a policy in the interests of the country. Alliances may shift or dissolve. Individuals may change course. Doing the dirty work of empire need not be a lifetime commitment.

What Left Turn?

It is widely reported that the ANC, having dumped Mbeki, is now making a left turn. The ANC leadership encourages its membership and the larger public to think so, and there is much confirming noise, gesturing, and bully-boy militancy. Lekota also claims there is a left turn, and says the ANC is now following the policies of the South African Communist Party (SACP). Saying so



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Wendy Luhabe (seated, left), described as “SA’s most powerful businesswoman,” and a member of the malthusian Club of Rome, and ANC president Jacob Zuma (seated, right) are among the British imperial tools for the destruction of South Africa.

helps Lekota differentiate his party from “the leftists.”

But there is no left turn. When the new leadership of the ANC made Kgalema Motlanthe acting president of the country, did Motlanthe make appointments to consolidate the power of the SACP and Cosatu, the trade union umbrella organization? He did not. When ANC president Jacob Zuma spoke to the press in Washington (with Mathews Phosa present as his handler), he said he was going to New York to meet with hedge-fund managers—that is, the British empire’s obedient speculators. What left turn?

On a deeper level, it is necessary to ask: Is there, in fact, an independent left? When the SACP in KwaZulu Natal held a provincial council July 25-27, the first of three major speakers was Patrick Bond, director of the Centre for Civil Society in Durban. Bond and his closest associates draw funding and resources from megaspeculator and drug-pusher George Soros’s Open Society Institute and the Ford Foundation. Hedge-fund manager Soros is a close associate of Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, Minister of State in the Foreign Office for Africa, Asia, and the UN. Malloch-Brown was, until recently, vice president of Soros’s Quantum Fund and vice chairman of his Open Society Institute. Despite his “vices,” Malloch-Brown, who overthrows governments, is more senior than Soros in the British empire. The SACP’s Foreign Office communism is low on the food chain, but useful.

What, Then, Is Happening?

To ensure their control, the British managers used the popular Zuma as a battering ram to remove Mbeki from the ANC presidency, allowing the managers’ puppets—Ramaphosa, Sexwale, and Phosa—to take control. An early task of the trio was to provoke a split in the ANC by treating Mbeki and his supporters so roughly that they would leave. In fact, they have forced them to suffer in silence or leave.

The imperial managers could not allow the new party to defend the interests of South Africans either. We see the result in the free-market love-fest between it and the Democratic Alliance. The names of the big funders of the party being founded by Lekota and former Gauteng provincial premier

Mbhazima Shilowa, are not known, with one exception. But the exception is one more indication of overall British imperial control.

Her name is Wendy Luhabe, celebrated by the *Financial Mail* in 2004 as “undoubtedly SA’s most powerful businesswoman.” She is a member of the Club of Rome, the infamous institution of the European oligarchs that sponsored *The Limits to Growth* study (1972) calling for world depopulation, a program championed by a cast of dirty characters including Aurelio Peccei, David Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger, and Maurice Strong.

According to the Club of Rome study, even thinly populated Africa had too many people. When *EIR* demonstrated to the study’s computer modellers that Africa could support a vastly larger population if it were industrialized, they replied that one of the assumptions built into their model is that there will be no industrialization of Africa!

Luhabe also sits on the board of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award International Foundation, overseeing award programs for nearly a million young people worldwide. The Duke (Prince Philip) is best remembered as the creature who wrote, in his preface to Fleur Cowles’ book, *If I Were an Animal* (1987), “In the event that I am reincarnated, I would like to return as a deadly virus, in order to contribute something to solve overpopulation.”