

British assets pump Whitewater scandal

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Scarcely a day goes by without some new titillating piece of information being published or broadcast concerning the Whitewater/Madison affair now plaguing the White House. One of the unique aspects of this "scandal" is that, unlike Watergate or the so-called Iran-Contra affair, Whitewater does not involve abuse of presidential powers, but it is solely concerned with events which took place well before Bill Clinton became President. But this hasn't stopped either the press or Republican scandal-mongers who are out to weaken and destroy Clinton, regardless of the consequences for the institution of the presidency or for the nation.

Where is it all coming from? In the weekly "EIR Talks" radio interview on Feb. 9, Lyndon LaRouche charged that it is particularly the British foreign policy establishment that is trying to get President Clinton out of office by the end of 1994. This is being carried out, he said, "with the help of some Republicans who are thinking more about the 1994 interim election campaigns than they are about the interests of the country; they're playing along with this."

British pawprints

The current round of scandals commenced with the "Troopergate" story published in the *American Spectator*, a small, right-wing journal whose board is riddled with so-called neo-conservatives. The story was written by David Brock, a homosexual whose career has been sponsored by the British-spawned Heritage Foundation and the *Washington Times*. Cliff Jackson, the Clinton-hating Arkansas lawyer who has been identified as the source for this story, as well as for the earlier Jennifer Flowers gossip, has been described as an Anglophile, who was in London as a Fulbright Scholar, at the same time Clinton was there as a Rhodes Scholar in the late 1960s.

Indeed, Anglophiles seem to abound among those pushing the Whitewater story. The editor of the *American Spectator*, R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr., has written two columns recently of particular interest. One, written from London, was an attack on Clinton for granting a visa to Sinn Fein head Gerry Adams. The second was entitled "What the British Press Is Saying about Bill Clinton," in which Tyrrell reported on a Jan. 23 piece in the London *Sunday Telegraph*, in which Washington correspondent Ambrose Evans-Pritchard report-

ed that a former Arkansas beauty queen claimed to have been threatened with violence after an alleged 1983 affair with Bill Clinton. The story, Tyrrell gleefully reported, "has become front-page news all over the United Kingdom and in Australia," while in the United States, only radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh and a *Washington Times* columnist have mentioned it, he complained. "British papers have been reporting other acts of violence relating to scandals associated with Clinton's name," Tyrrell continued.

Two weeks later, the *Sunday Telegraph* featured three prominent articles aimed at Clinton. The newspaper is owned by the Hollinger Corp., a bastion of many of the seamiest elements of the British oligarchy and intelligence establishment; Henry Kissinger is also a board member. The *Sunday Telegraph's* lead article was headlined; "White House Death Riddle Deepens: Mystery Mercedes Was Seen Near Clinton Aide's Body." It reported on allegations concerning the reported suicide of White House aide Vincent Foster last July, many of which allegations had already been spread around by U.S. papers such as the *New York Post*.

A second article featured a banner headline, "Clinton Bank Loan Payoff Revealed," and described many of the specific allegations around Whitewater/Madison. A third article by the same author was entitled: "The Frivolous Fraud at the White House: The Whole World Is Suffering from Clinton's Shallowness," and began with the Gerry Adams affair, and concluded ominously by suggesting: "The ordeal will not last forever. Indeed the way documents keep popping up in Arkansas, Bill Clinton may be forced from office before the year is out."

The Foster case

On the U.S. side, the charge has been led by three newspapers: the *New York Post*, the *Washington Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. It was the *New York Post* which reopened the Vincent Foster case on Jan. 27, raising questions about the circumstances of his death.

The *Wall Street Journal* followed up with a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit in federal court, seeking release of White House reports on Foster's death, and charged that the Justice Department's failure to respond to their earlier FOIA requests could be part of a coverup around Foster's death. (It was the *Wall Street Journal's* relentless attacks on Foster which Foster complained of in his "suicide" note.)

Meanwhile, the *Washington Times*, which functions as a neo-con house organ, with close ties to certain sections of the U.S. intelligence community, continues to throw almost daily front-page tantrums over some newly discovered—or manufactured—aspect of the Whitewater scandal. On Feb. 9, the *Times* claimed that the Rose law firm of Little Rock (the former firm of Foster and Hillary Clinton) was shredding Whitewater documents—compelling Independent Counsel Robert Fiske's office to issue a statement saying the *Times* allegations will be investigated.