

## Australia Dossier by Michael J. Sharp

### Prince Philip plots to destroy state

*The environmentalist and Aboriginal rights movements are Prince Philip's prominent tools.*

Since at least 1963, the British monarchy's Prince Philip has personally led the charge to splinter the Australian state (see the *EIR Special Report*, Oct. 28, 1994 for a fuller picture of Philip's crimes against humanity worldwide).

On a royal visit to Australia in 1963, Prince Philip called for the formation of an Australian branch of his World Wildlife Fund (WWF, now the World Wide Fund for Nature), which led directly to the establishment of the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF). This organization, which Philip founded and then served as president in 1971-76, is the "mother" not only of Australia's entire radical environmentalist movement, but, through key ACF personnel, of the "Aboriginal land rights" movement as well. Already, the combined area of environmentalist "nature preserves" and land given to the Aborigines totals almost one-third of the continent and threatens to cut the country in two.

According to an article in the *National Times* on Sept. 11, 1976, the ACF was formed at a time of "crisis," said to be "due to overpopulation"—an absurdity, considering that there are a mere 17 million people spread around this vast island. After discussions in the wake of Philip's visit, a group including then-Governor General Lord Casey, Malcolm Fraser (later to become Australia's prime minister, 1975-83), Sir Garfield Barwick (then Chief Justice of the Australian High Court), and Sidney Baillieu Myer (heir to the Myer family retail trade fortune), founded the ACF in 1965.

In 1971, the year that Prince Philip became president of the ACF, "the ACF first began to take an active interest in Aboriginal land rights," observed the *ACF Newsletter* in May 1978. Just two years earlier, Philip's WWF had founded the "Primitive People's Fund," now known as Cultural Survival, to use "indigenous peoples" as a battering-ram against modern nation-states.

Australia's environmentalist and Aboriginal land rights movements are unified at the top, as personified both by Philip and by Dr. H.C. "Nugget" Coombs, adviser to seven Australian prime ministers and head of Australia's central bank in 1949-68. Coombs did his doctoral training at the London School of Economics in 1931 under Harold Laski and Friedrich von Hayek, on "central banking." He recorded his own personal identity as a "central banker" in his autobiography, *Trial Balance*: "Central banking is a strange profession. . . . Those who practice it often feel themselves to be members of an international freemasonry. . . . It was [Bank of England head Montagu] Norman who created the international freemasonry of central bankers."

In 1968, Coombs suddenly left his post as head of Australia's Reserve Bank, perhaps the most powerful position in the country, and founded the Council for Aboriginal Affairs, which he chaired in 1968-76, and which kicked off the Aboriginal land rights movement. Once that operation was up and running, he moved over to become president of the Australian Conservation Foundation in 1977, replacing Prince Philip. Aboriginal rights

became such a focus of the ACF under Coombs that the *ACF Newsletter* was renamed *Tjurkupa* (Aboriginal dialect for "truth and wisdom"). Coombs is currently a Visiting Fellow of the Center for Resource and Environmental Studies at the Australian National University, of which he was the first chancellor. He also founded the "Nugget Coomb Forum for Indigenous Studies."

It is no secret that the goal of the Aboriginal land rights movement is to carve a separate nation out of Australia. As Michael Mansell, who is part Aboriginal and founder of the separatist "Aboriginal Provisional Government," told *Chain Reaction*, the publication of the radical environmentalist Friends of the Earth, in July 1990, "Let it be clearly understood that the Aboriginal state [is] to be established, with all the control vested back to the Aboriginal communities. . . . The residual powers of negotiation with foreign governments [are] to be vested in the Aboriginal Provisional Government." Mansell was later "chosen" by Nugget Coombs's assets in the Aboriginal community to be the sole negotiator on land rights with Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating.

Meanwhile, Philip has kept his hand in the environmentalist-Aboriginal rights movement, visiting the country several times to dedicate huge chunks of territory as "nature preserves" or "World Heritage sites." He has emphasized, as he did during the WWF 1989 international conference held in Australia, that "full consultation with the local Aboriginal communities" must be held on land use questions; for example, in the huge Cape York Peninsula in northern Australia, site of Australia's space program, which Philip proposed to confiscate for a combined "nature park" and "Aboriginal preserve."