

## The Lords of Loudoun

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Investigations by *EIR* into the operations directed against statesman and Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, have uncovered a treasonous nest of oligarchical families in Northern Virginia's Hunt Country, some 40 miles from our nation's capital. This group of families shares a common outlook with, and are, in effect, extensions of the British oligarchy, headed by the royal family; together with allied networks of families in New York, Boston, and other locations, they form a single transoceanic oligarchy. As we shall show, they have spun off a web of deployable, operational assets capable of manipulating government policy and combatting their enemies. This is the pack of rascals who were behind the fraudulent prosecution and fraudulent conviction of LaRouche et al. They are the same forces who are behind the attack on U.S. President William Clinton, who has become the most anti-British President since Franklin Roosevelt proposed to dismantle the British Empire and create a system of nation-states in its place at the end of World War II.

In this report, we shall focus on the nature of this oligarchy and some of its principal assets. We shall examine a handful of families to show how they have an operational focus of activities against the interests of the United States, and in the direct interest of the British Crown. We have chosen four families whose names are not so well known—Bryan, Hanes, Ohrstrom Bryant, and Arundel—because they reveal far-flung connections and function in various “projects” of the oligarchy with importance well beyond their local domain. We will also explore the families' deployment of “asteroid” intelligence assets, as well as corrupted parts of the national security apparatus, using the way these were employed in the LaRouche case as paradigmatic.

Throughout the history of the United States, there has existed a small, but powerful network of families whose true allegiance is to Great Britain and the British Crown. During the Revolutionary War, they were referred to as Tories. Following the victory over Britain, some of our Founding Fathers, led by Benjamin Franklin,



*British Crown power in Northern Virginia, and subversive influence on Washington policymaking, are epitomized by the British flag flying over a local law firm in downtown Leesburg, the Loudoun County seat. Inset: Queen Elizabeth II, who has reportedly made at least four private visits to Northern Virginia in recent years.*

pressed to have these traitors expelled from our shores.

Unfortunately, softer heads prevailed, and over successive generations, this Tory apparatus grew and prospered, always in junior partnership with London's financial elites. New York and New England families such as Coolidge, Perkins, and Weld, joined with their British "cousins" in the Far East opium trade during Britain's two Opium Wars against China, earning fabulous fortunes and building a power base within the eastern financial establishment.

E.H. Harriman of New York became the personal banker for Prince Edward Albert, the Prince of Wales, who eventually succeeded his mother, Queen Victoria, as King Edward VII. Prince Edward Albert was known among his contemporaries as "The Prince of the Isles," after he succeeded in forging a geopolitical alliance of convenience—under British domination—among Europe's heavily intermarried royalty. That alliance is today known as the "Club of the Isles."

In Virginia, the Carolinas, and elsewhere in the South, the Tory families, with British backing, built a feudal economy based on black chattel slave labor to grow tobacco and cotton. During the Lincoln era, on behalf of London, the Tories led the secessionist insurrection against the Union; and when they were defeated on the battlefield, they schemed—under British direction—to assassinate President Lincoln and subvert his vision of reconstruction and reunion, through such instrumentalities as the Ku Klux Klan and the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. All the while, they enjoyed the quiet support of their Tory brethren in the

New England and New York financial community.

By the turn of the twentieth century, the heirs of this Tory establishment, led by E.H. Harriman, had descended upon Washington in a way different than the British Red Coats of 1812. They relocated branches of their families from the Connecticut and Hudson River valleys, Mississippi, and the Carolinas, and took up residence on lavish country estates in Northern Virginia, for the first time merging the two geographic wings of Tory treachery. Here they joined forces with an already deeply entrenched local, inbred Anglophile crowd of hard-core racists, holdovers from the secessionist era who maintained a local power base in Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy, and in the old Potomac River port city of Alexandria, adjacent to Washington, D.C.

Additional waves of Anglophile migrants to the Northern Virginia area came after both world wars. Today, the area is so polluted by these types that it were accurate to refer to the Hunt Country as the "arse end" of London.

### **A base of operations**

In the Northern Virginia counties of Loudoun, Fauquier, Clarke, and Prince William, and further to the south in Albemarle County, these "carpetbaggers" reproduced a slice of the aristocratic English countryside, importing the "gentlemanly sports" of fox hunting and polo, and transforming working farms into horse-breeding "gentlemen's farms." All the while, these Hunt Country barons maintained their intimate political and financial ties to London. In the modern era

of transatlantic jet travel, the Virginia Hunt Country afforded the British oligarchy a home away from home, and a political base of subversion.

One of the key operational centers for these Tory activities in the area is George Mason University, which was created as a project of the Hunt Country families. GMU houses a string of radical free market fronts, led by the Atlas Institute, the command center for the Mont Pelerin Society's worldwide web of think-tanks directed at subverting sovereign nation-states through the promulgation of radical "privatization" schemes and other Conservative Revolution anti-government projects. Through "academics" such as James Buchanan, the Nobel Prize-winning economist and recent head of the Mont Pelerin Society, GMU exerts a significant policy-shaping influence on the Gingrichites in the U.S. Congress.

Secure in their control over the media and local politicians, these oligarchs have used the area to spawn a nationally significant infrastructure privatization project, the Dulles Greenway, a high-priced toll road in Loudoun County.

As our researchers probed deeper, they found the families in effective control of an array of private "off-line" intelligence assets, linked to the dirty George Bush-connected sections of the intelligence establishment. One of those "asteroids," the Armed Response Group U.S. (ARGUS), generated a scandal that helped drive Loudoun County Sheriff John Isom, a co-founder of ARGUS, out of office in the November 1995 elections, by voters who saw ARGUS as an attempt to launch a private militia, under quasi-official auspices. The ARGUS scheme is still the subject of a federal grand jury probe. And pressure is continuing to mount for a serious government investigation into the railroad prosecution of Lyndon LaRouche and numerous of his political associates. During an Oct. 6, 1986 paramilitary raid on LaRouche's publishing offices, ARGUS combat equipment was put on standby, in the hope that government authorization would be given for an assault on a local farm where LaRouche and his wife were residing.

### 'Focal Point'

In launching ARGUS, the "families" were able to tap into a little-known, but powerful segment of the U.S. national security apparatus known as the "Focal Point" system. Housed in the offices of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, it is the logistical hub of the nation's low-intensity warfare capabilities. Long before the CIA developed its own logistical capabilities—covert airlines, shipping companies, etc.—Allen Dulles, President Eisenhower's Anglophile Director of Central Intelligence, got authorization to tap into the Pentagon's resources whenever he received Presidential endorsement for a covert operation. To this day, and in sharp contrast to prevailing popular opinion, the CIA receives only a tiny portion of the nation's approximately \$25 billion-a-year intelligence budget. Most of the covert intelligence cash, flows into the Pentagon.

*EIR* discovered that several former and current "Focal Point" operatives were important players in the ARGUS scheme, and in other *private covert activities* run through the Hunt Country. One of the key ARGUS figures, Col. Tom Harvey (ret.), was still on active duty, assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, when he arranged for ARGUS to purchase and warehouse U.S. military equipment, including "ferret" armored personnel carriers. Harvey swapped his Army uniform for a three-piece suit and a lucrative job working for one of the Ohrstrom Bryant family foundations during the early 1990s.

The deeper *EIR* probed into the behind-the-scenes affairs of the Hunt Country oligarchy, the more evident it became that several Northern Virginia counties (Loudoun and Fauquier, in particular) were de facto *run* as part of the families' subversion of the Focal Point system. Such information gives the lie to a common myth promoted by British-allied sources, that such "spooky operations" are part of some "CIA conspiracy" that is the source of subversion of our government. As we show, what is often called "American intelligence" is actually a British-sponsored "asteroid" operation, which serves an international oligarchy. The real conspiracy lies in this oligarchy's pollution of American institutions.

### Why publish this now

On Oct. 30, 1995, *EIR* published an abridged and locally focussed version of this study in *EIR News for Loudoun County*, a newspaper circulated in Northern Virginia. Shortly after its publication, Loudoun voters trounced the two most prominent stooges of the Hunt Country's law enforcement team, ARGUS cofounder Sheriff John Isom and the local prosecutor, Commonwealth's Attorney Bill Burch, both of whom played a key role in the "Get LaRouche" effort. Also defeated was the oligarchs' chosen candidate for chairman of the local county council. Subsequently, new evidence has further established the international significance of this "American Tory" crowd's penetration of America's national security institutions, including the federal judiciary.

Coming at a moment when President Clinton has made breakthroughs in the Balkans, Middle East, and Northern Ireland peace processes that are bound to prompt British Crown countermoves, the editors of *EIR* determined that it was appropriate to publish a more extensive dossier on this Tory subversion, for international circulation. Clearly, a more comprehensive report on the several dozen Hunt Country families and their ties to City of London finance and British intelligence, would warrant a new chapter in *EIR* writer Anton Chaitkin's book *Treason in America*, which catalogued the efforts of these Tory families in America up through the early decades of this century.

What we present should make it clear that this treasonous Tory establishment, with a key branch right in Washington's backyard, represents the principal internal security threat to the United States today.